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Homes in Ely 'are selling within hours'

HOMES in Ely are selling within hours of going on the market – and many are fetching thousands of pounds more than their asking price.

Estate agents say the property market in East Cambridgeshire – and in Ely in particular – is the strongest it has been for years.

The *Sunday Times* has listed Ely as one of the UK's top cities in which to buy a property and, according to the Halifax Rural Quality of Life Rankings for 2016, East Cambs is the seventh best place to live in the UK.

Greg Van Dicks, managing director of Pocock and Shaw estate agents in Ely, said: "To say the property market here is booming would be a bit of an understatement."

"It's been the healthiest it's been for years over the last 12 months I'd say, but in the last few months things have re-

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ally intensified.

"I put a three-bedroom semi-detached house in Ely online on Monday night and by Tuesday morning it had sold for the full asking price."

"Properties are selling within hours of going on the market – and many of them are going for more than the asking price."

Mr Van Dicks added: "As far as East Cambs is concerned, Ely city itself is definitely where people want to live, but places like Littleport, Soham and the villages are popular too."

"Ely's train station and the fact that we're finally getting things like a new cinema and more restaurant makes the city an appealing place to live."

"That, together with the fact that

there are so many job opportunities in Cambridge, and that house prices in Cambridge are astronomical, means people come to East Cambs as they can get so much more for their money."

David Clark, managing director of David Clark and Company estate agents in Ely, agreed the property market was very strong.

He said: "We're finding people are snapping up old properties in the area which have major structural issues so that they can knock them down to build new houses. Homes are selling quicker than ever and people are prepared to pay the full asking price so that they don't miss out."



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Garfield: The cat with 3,000 Facebook 'likes'

GARFIELD the cat has over 3,000 likes on his Facebook page – and the aim now is reach 6,000.

The fact that his page reached 2,000 likes means the plucky puss, famous for hanging out at Sainsbury's in Ely, has raised £200 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London.

But Will and Sam Noble, who run Noble Cars Ely, have agreed to donate another £100 if his page achieves 6,000 likes. Search for 'Mr Sainsburys aka Garfield' on Facebook.

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COMMUNITY

Social club at risk of closing

THE Ely Beet Sports and Social Club is at risk of closing unless more people start to use it.

That's the message from the club's committee who are urging more residents to take advantage of the facilities in Lynn Road – and for more people and organisations to hire the venue.

Andy Pearson, who is a district councillor for Ely North, and who was, up until last week, the club's secretary, said: "We desperately need more people to start using the club."

"Financially, the club made its biggest loss this year since 1993 and the stark

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reality is that if things keep going the way they are the club will close."

The club operates on a not for profit basis. Its main hall, which can be hired for private parties and functions, boasts a seating capacity of 180, a fully fitted kitchen and a large stage.

The club's bar is open seven days a week and hosts a full size pool table and a darts board. Dominoes, chess, cribbage and bridge are also available.

Outside, the club has a

multi-use games area, two full-size tennis courts, a bowls green and a large car park.

The club also has fishing rights in and around the Ely area, enabling members to have access to the facilities too.

Mr Pearson said: "We're doing our best to make savings and promote the club as much as we can but we need people to become members, to hire the venue more and just generally support it. We're a lot cheaper to hire than the majority of places in Ely."

Call (01353) 662029 or visit beetclub.co.uk.



HELPING OTHERS: The new foodbank at the Holy Trinity Church in Haddenham opened this week and will be running every Monday afternoon.

Foodbank opens up in Haddenham

HADDENHAM'S new foodbank opened its doors on Monday.

Ely Foodbank will be handing out food parcels to people in need at the village's Holy Trinity Church every Monday from 1-2.30pm.

Cathy Wright, project director, said: "It isn't our desire to have an ever expanding foodbank, however, if we see from our data and knowledge that in a particular area a demand exists, we will respond by making it easier for people

to receive help."

Ely Foodbank also runs collections in Ely, Soham, Sutton, Chatteris, Cottenham and March each week, and is always looking for people to get involved.

Call (01353) 468626 or visit ely.foodbank.org.uk.

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COLLISION

Two motorists hospitalised following collision on A142

TWO people were injured in a crash in Sutton.

The collision involved a lorry and a minibus, and happened on the A142 at the junction of the B1381 at around 9.45am on Monday.

Emergency services, including the

East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EAST), the police and the fire service, attended.

A spokeswoman for the EAST said: "We sent two ambulances, an ambulance officer and a rapid response vehicle to the scene.

"We sent two patients – one of whom was an elderly man trapped in one of the vehicles – to Addenbrooke's and Hinchbrook Hospital in land ambulances.

"It doesn't look like either of their injuries were life-threatening,

thankfully. The police and fire service were in attendance too."

The fire service confirmed they sent two crews from Ely and Chatteris to the scene and that one casualty had to be freed using specialist cutting equipment.

Chorister to sing at St Paul's

ONE of Ely's choristers will be singing at St Paul's Cathedral next week.

Thomas Allen, 11, from Ely, will be performing alongside 60 choristers from across the UK in a unique concert organised by the Friends of Cathedral Music on Wednesday, April 27.

The concert, which will be recorded by Classic FM, is to kick-start a £10 million fund in support of the 1,400 year old tradition of cathedral choirs, many of whom are under mounting financial pressure to continue doing what they do.

The event will be hosted by television presenter, broadcaster, musician and Ely Cathedral Music Patron, Aled Jones.



SWEET SOUNDING: Thomas Allen, front right, pictured with fellow cathedral choristers.
PICTURE: Keith Heppell

DEVELOPMENT

Health centre set to relocate

SOHAM Health Centre is set to relocate to new premises – in the same street – in order for new homes to be built at the current site.

Plans to close the health centre, in Pratt Street, and to build 10 new houses on the land have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The applicant is Hampshire-based firm, Medcentres PLC.

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust says it has signed a lease on new premises in Pratt Street – and that all the services currently provided at the centre will

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continue.

A spokeswoman for the trust said: "Services operated by Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust from Soham Health Centre, including health visiting and school-based immunisation, will continue to be provided in Soham.

"The trust has signed a lease for new premises on the same street as the existing building and a programme of works is now underway to enable the team to

move in the summer.

"There should be no disruption to the service received by patients."

A decision on the proposals for the new homes lies with planners at the district council, and is expected within eight weeks.

To have your say, visit eastcamps.gov.uk and search planning reference: 16/00373/FUM.

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CRIME

Be vigilant against purse thieves

WOMEN are being urged to be extra vigilant against purse thieves when out and about in Ely – particularly on market days.

Police say there has been a spate of purse thefts in the city in the last few weeks.

A police spokesman said: "We are urging people to

take precautions when out and about.

"Keep your bag closed and close to you at all times – don't hang it over the back of a wheelchair or pushchair.

"Close your purse and push it right to the bottom of your bag. Avoid carrying your purse in a pocket and

keep cash out of sight.

"Always ensure that you have protected your PIN number – never keep it with your card.

"We will be increasing patrols at key times in the areas most affected but the best protection against this crime is vigilance."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lunch for the Queen

SOHAM Over 60's Club is holding a special lunch this Saturday to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and St George's Day.

The event is at the Walter Gidney Pavilion from 12.30-5pm and tickets are £6 for members or £17 for non-members, which includes a four-course lunch, entertainment and grand raffle.

Call Peggy on (01353) 723491.

New uniform for the county's firefighters



FIREFIGHTERS across the county are now wearing navy and orange instead of the blue and yellow kit they have worn for over a decade. The new uniform is being rolled out this week.

Sports stars in town

SPORTS stars Neil 'Razor' Ruddock and John Wark are coming to Witchford this Friday.

They are attending Witchford Colts FC's sportsman's dinner at the village hall.

The event starts at 6.30pm and tickets are £40, which includes dinner and entrance into the £500 prize heads and tails game.

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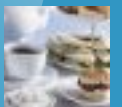
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AN EVENING WITH ANN WIDDECOMBE 15th July, 7:30pm. Tickets: £15.00

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EDUCATION

Feeling stressed about exams?

A NEW campaign was launched this week to help young people in the Ely area cope with the stresses of exams.

The Stress LESS #Take5challenge invites young people to change five small things in their lives, over five weeks, to prevent the pressures of the exam season from overwhelming them.

The campaign is being led by Mind in Cambridgeshire and funded by Cambridgeshire County Council.

It launched as a pilot this week, which is National Revision Week, and will peak in Mental Health Awareness Week, which is from May 16-

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22.

Dominika Karpowicz, Mind in Cambridgeshire's mental health campaigns officer, said: "Stress is a natural response to challenging situations like exams and it can be helpful, but too much of it can have a massive impact on a young person's health and wellbeing."

"The aim of the Stress LESS campaign is to encourage young people to find positive ways of managing their own stress levels, so they can do their best with-

out letting things get on top of them."

The campaign will encourage students aged 12-18 across Cambridgeshire to create their own Stress LESS Action Plan by identifying small changes that can make a big difference.

Students will also be encouraged to get creative and share their own strategies on social media using the hashtag #Take5challenge.

For more information and how to get involved, go to mindincambs.org.uk, email stressless@mindincambs.org.uk or follow the campaign on Facebook and Instagram.



HANDS ON: Callum Corley, 13, has a go.

PICTURE: David Johnson

Open day showcases woodturning

WOODTURNING was the theme of an open day in Little Thetford on Saturday.

The Ely Guild of Woodturners held a free 'hands on day' at the village hall where residents, including children, could give the craft a go with an experienced woodturner.

A spokesman for the guild said: "The event was a great success and really well attended."

"Our aim was to show people what we do and to encourage more people to take up the hobby."

"We are always keen to encourage new members -

especially ladies as we have found in the past they make excellent turners."

Members of the guild meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

To find out more, go to elyguildofwoodturners.org.uk.

POETRY

Fenland Poet Laureate winners announced

MARY Livingstone has been crowned Fenland Poet Laureate 2016.

Mary won the competition with her poem, *From Maramures to the Fens*.

Second prize went to Matt Deacon for his poem, *Little Treasures*, and Marina

Yedigiaroff came third with her untitled poem.

The Young Fenland Poet Laureate prize was awarded to Tashi Marley for her poem, *I am*. Second place was awarded to Jack Robb for his poem, *Fenland Pillbox*, and Natasha

Richardson came third with her piece, *Spring has arrived to the Fens*.

More than 100 poets entered and the winners were announced on Friday. Mary will have a remit to raise the profile of literary throughout the Fens.

COMMUNITY

Grants will enable OuseFest projects to come to fruition

SIX new projects have been awarded a total of almost £9,500 by the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) to turn their exciting community project ideas into a reality.

The new projects will involve

a poetry workshop, reading and competition by Fen Speak; A Festival of Fenland Films by the Field Theatre Group; the development of a Willow Wildlife Wall at Hatton Park Primary School highlighting local wildlife; a feasibility study into

Public Transportation Options in the Ouse Washes by pjb Associates; a film by Project Hereward which aims to reopen the Welches Dam to Horseway Forty Foot Drain as a waterway for all; and the play The Merrie Wives of St Ives, as part of a

community event in the town's The Old Riverport.

All projects will take part during this year's OuseFest, which takes place at venues across the region from July 18-31. Visit ousewashes.org.uk/ousefest to find out more.

Singers reach the right notes

PEOPLE sang their hearts out at Ely Cathedral on Saturday.

Residents of all ages were invited to a 'Come and Sing Evensong' event in the afternoon with the Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers and their director, Edmund Aldhouse.

Choral Evensong has been sung at the cathedral every day for hundreds of years.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "It was a really successful event with around 80 people taking part."

"They certainly experienced a memorable afternoon of music-making."

The Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers are currently recruiting new members.

Call Edmund on (01353) 660311 to find out more.



MAKING MUSIC: Residents enjoy Come and Sing Evensong, with director Edmund Aldhouse.



More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

CHARITY

Charity shop's flytipping plea

DIRTY underwear, dead plants and even soiled nappies are being dumped at a charity shop on a regular basis – forcing the charity to pay to send the items to landfill.

Branching Out, the Littleport-based charity which supports local adults with learning disabilities, is pleading for people to be more considerate about what they are dropping off at its shop in the High Street.

The charity says residents are treating the shop's entrance as a dumping ground – flytipping everything from broken furniture to bags of soil – and even dirty underwear and nappies.

On Monday morning, as is the case most weeks, so much rubbish had been piled outside the shop's door over the weekend that staff had to climb over it just to get inside.

Once inside, they then had to spend hours sorting through the donations – the majority of which were items that should have gone in the

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bin or to the nearest tip. Speaking to the *Ely News* on Monday, Simon Garner, manager of the Branching Out shop, said: "It's a tough one as obviously we don't want to put people off donating items."

"We want as many donations as possible but they need to be items that we can genuinely sell to generate money for the charity and its users."

"This has been an issue for some time and despite continually pleading for it to stop, it doesn't. This morning, we had to climb over a mountain of rubbish just to get inside the shop. We filled one wheelie bin with rubbish before we'd even opened."

"We get soiled nappies, dirty underwear, bags of soil, dead plants, chairs with two legs – you name it, we get it most weeks."

"These are all items that people need to be taking to the tip or putting out with

their rubbish, not dumping at our door."

"We have to pay for the rubbish to be taken away, which leaves the charity thousands of pounds out of pocket."

Mr Garner said people are also stealing from the charity by helping themselves to items left outside the shop. He said: "People are getting to the items before we are sometimes and helping themselves to whatever they fancy. They need to realise that it's theft."

"We don't currently open on a Sunday but we've had a couple of volunteers come forward to say they're willing to spend a few hours in the shop on a Sunday to take in people's donations, so we're hoping that's going to help with the flytipping issue."

"We just want people to think twice."



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Celebrating the Queen's big birthday

ELY'S Mayor is calling on everyone to attend the city's beacon lighting ceremony on Thursday.

As previously reported, the ceremony is being held on the Market Place to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Ely's town crier and the City of Ely Military Band will be in attendance. Proceedings will commence at 8pm and the beacon will be lit at 8.30pm.

Lis Every, Ely's Mayor, said: "The City of Ely Military Band will be playing and our town crier has written a 'cry' especially to mark the occasion. Please come along and share this unique occasion with us."

Ely Cathedral's Octagon Tower and Galilee Porch will be bathed in red, white and blue lights from Thursday evening through to Sunday night.

A Choral Evensong and civic celebration is also being held at the cathedral on Sunday, starting at 4pm.

As well as music and readings, 90 candles will be lit around the altar and the cathedral choir will sing Zadok the Priest, the anthem always sung at coronations.

Everyone is welcome to attend all of the events.



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It has been a team effort

WHILST it is pleasing to see that my surgery's success in the recent CQC inspection was reported (and I'm willing to take some credit for this), satisfying the bureaucratic needs of the NHS as well as those of our patients has truly been a team effort.

This is not only a just comment that needs making, but on the backdrop of reducing resources, difficulty in recruiting enough doctors, and struggling NHS management, shows an effort that is remarkable.

We can only do our best, and I'm sure there are times when we can't always fulfil the needs of our patients, but it's not for the want of trying.

This is not an experience unique to the Haddenham practice – everyone is feeling the strain.

General Practice is a community asset and needs both staff and patients' help to survive.

Dr Jan Aniskowicz
Haddenham GP Surgery

I fear we are all doomed ...

I WAS labelled 'liverish' (on a national newspaper's comments column) recently. I admit to being out of sorts on account of the weather and one or two other irritants. However, I am still 'liverish' and the overriding reason for being so is that I am deeply pessimistic about this damnably divisive referendum that is already overshadowing all else – and the 'official' campaign has only just begun.

I said a few days ago that I believed that the result would be close, say, 55% to 45% one way or the other, and that the winning side would rejoice whilst the losing side would wail. I have been thinking since that I could have been wrong.

My own preference is for a 60-40

vote in favour of Remain in the hope that the Brexiters will just shut up and let those of us who favour working in and with the EU get on with the job of improving an organisation that almost everyone agrees is in need of improvement.

But what if the vote is 60-40 in favour of Leave? As Ken Clarke is reported to have said, Mr Cameron won't last 30 seconds as PM following such a vote. I agree with Mr Clarke and many will rejoice at the political demise of DC. But what happens next?

The deeply divided Conservatives have a small majority in the House of Commons and I can't see any of the Brexiters in the party having the ability or the capability of uniting Conservative MPs in the House sufficiently and effectively to manage the UK's exit from the EU.

Nobody from the other major parties has a mandate to do it either. So there will have to be a General Election. The election is likely to be held with a background of a falling pound, a halting of investment from overseas and a possible house price collapse as well as increasing unemployment.

George Osborne is chancellor of the exchequer and is likely to remain so pro tem. But our George is no Hjalmar Schacht, one of the true financial geniuses of the twentieth century.

Market chaos is likely and we could be in for either severe deflation or raging inflation: I know not which.

Calling '65-68 Martin School leavers!

A REUNION is being held for former pupils of Littleport's old Martin School.

The reunion is being organised to mark the fact that it is 50 years since the class of 1966 left the school, and all leavers from 1965-68 are invited.

One couple, Stuart and Anne Porter, will even be travelling from America to Littleport for the reunion, which will be at the Royal British Legion on Saturday, June 18 at 7pm.

Organisers hope some teachers will also be attending and they are appealing for anyone with any old photographs from that time to bring them along on the night.

Tickets are £2.50 each and partners are welcome. There will also be a raffle, for which donations would be greatly appreciated.

Call Linda Barker on (01353) 860765 or Janice Butcher on (01353) 860247. Proceeds after expenses will go to the Poppy Appeal.

In the meantime and/or after an election, who takes over?

Some say that there could be a large influx of UKIPers and some also say that a UKIP government could and should just take us straight out of the EU, rather as the Southern states of the old USA just took themselves out of the old Union.

But a secessionist UKIP government with support from many Conservatives would run up against resisters and 'unionists' of all parties and none. What happens then?

Even if a new House of Commons voted by majority to do the necessary, the resisters and the 'unionists' would resist. There might be disorder and rioting. Who would have the authority to put down the disorder and stop the rioting?

It would not be 'the usual suspects' creating the disorder and doing the rioting. It could be a combination of the supporters of David Cameron, Jeremy Corbyn, Angus Robertson, Tim Farron and Caroline Lucas. Of course it wouldn't be Douglas Carswell: he might be ensconced in Number 10 and wondering what on earth to do about the colossal crisis the likes of which no-one had seen in their lifetimes.

Would the Americans or NATO come to our rescue? Not on your Nellie: they have already been told to mind their own business. Would the EU step in? Of course not: that organisation having been given the cold shoulder here would have enough on its plate following the British people's decision to Leave.

And what about Scotland? The Scots are unlikely to vote Leave but they would be more minded to leave the UK. As I said, I am deeply pessimistic and I fear not for myself – I am 78 and fading fast – but for my grandchildren and great grandsons. And, worst of all, I don't know what to say or do.

As Private Frazer, the dour Scot in 'Dad's Army' often said, 'We're

doomed.' Cheer me up, somebody, please.

Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham

We HAVE to stay in the EU

THE question of whether the UK should continue or abandon its membership of the EU, put to all of us in the forthcoming referendum, is the most important political decision I have been asked in my lifetime.

I am passionately in favour of our continued membership of the EU. However this statement requires explanation because, perversely, I find myself in agreement with many of the arguments put forward by the Brexit camp. I hate the waste and inefficiency of Brussels, I hate the lack of accountability, I hate the influence and power of non-elected officials and the fact that we are not entirely masters of our own destiny in the UK; and I am concerned about the sovereignty of Westminster.

Despite all this, for the following reasons, I find myself overwhelmingly committed to our continued membership of the EU:

The biggest argument is economic: The single EU market is the largest market place in the world, with 500 million people it is nearly twice the size of the USA. Today, as members of the EU, we have free and unfettered access to this market.

Central to the Brexit argument is that by leaving we will save our net contribution of some £9 billion per year; however it is this contribution which secures our 'free and unfettered' access to the EU market. The negotiation of our new independent UK trade agreement with the EU will take years to agree and will undoubtedly cost us every penny of today's deal. So with Brexit

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we will be much worse off – less trade, fewer jobs, less prosperity.

My second argument is about regulations: moaning about 'regulations from Brussels' has become a favourite British pastime; The Brexit campaigners promise us a 'bonfire of regulations', a new world where we can set our own rules - yet this is fantasy too - if we wish to continue to treat the EU as our most favoured trading partner, then we will have to abide by their rules and regulations.

Further, on regulations: I want less government, and instinctively I dislike Brussels and Westminster, but also Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambs District Council in more or less equal measure - I think they are all guilty of waste and inefficiency. That said though, some of the most progressive and valuable regulations on the environment and health and safety, as well as financial regulations - which have made the world a better place - have been created in the UK prior to adoption in the EU and further afield. And in defence directly of the EU, there has been much important progressive legislation in support of the poor, vulnerable and unrepresented in our society, which has emanated from Brussels.

I want to live in a country where we can be leaders as a result of our overtly outward looking, collaborative and generous spirit; I want us to be seen as innovators - both materially with the products and services of our industries, but also with the vision and values that we demonstrate to the world: those of inclusiveness, tolerance and compassion; I see none of this in Brexit. On the contrary I am repulsed by the self interest and small-minded natoinalism it represents, and the arrogance which suggests that the UK can assume a position in the world, outside the EU, where anyone will take us seriously.

I am horrified by the prospect of the effect we have by suggesting to the other 27 EU nations that perhaps they too will be better off out. What an irresponsible and selfish agenda!

Those that want Brexit are pursuing an ideology - a belief that the EU is bad and that we should get out – versus those of us that know that we have to work together to make the world a better place.

Tom Green
Egremont Street
Ely

They missed facts out

I have read the pro-European musings of Mr Woollard and others in your letters page with interest, but having received the blatantly pro-European, nine million pounds a throw booklet through the letterbox, it has concentrated my mind exceedingly, that this is the ultimate stitch up by the establishment that the views of the out campaign will be drowned out.

Nothing is said of the 55 million wponds we pay the EU. Nor that the auditors have declined to sign off the books of the EU for a good few years.

The large trade imbalance between us and the EU and Europe gets not a mention.

Your pictures

PLEASED TO MEET YOU: Nichola Watson, of Gimbert Road, Soham, sent us this photo of a ladybird which she took in her garden

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The establishment has seen fit to involve anybody from President Obama to the IMF to stick their oar in to the debate, to stay in naturally, but this should be for the British people to decide their fate.

Lastly, great store is set by the story that the EU has preserved the peace in Europe, which is a load of eyewash. It is NATO that has done this vital job since 1948. Not the EU which in the early 1950s was the then coal and steel community before morphing into the EEC in later years and had nothing to do with defence.

I J Hodson
Address supplied

He is worried, methinks

SO George Osborne has resorted to scare tactics in order to boost support for the "IN" Euro campaign.

He says that by 2030 the economy would be 6% smaller, costing the average family £4300 and requiring an 8% increase in the basic rate of tax.

How can he be so certain as to what might happen in 14 years time when he has trouble in getting his figures right on even a yearly basis?

All we get from the "IN" camp is the so called bad news in the event of GB leaving the Euroclub when it is already costing us more to be a member than does it for many other countries.

Osborne has stepped too close to the mark this time and readers may not know that, in the case of a looming General Election he would not even be allowed to make such biased and scaremongering comments. Goes to show how worried he is methinks.

Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

Too much cash, too little say

I AM afraid that Jane Ellis is wrong to say that only the elected EU parliament can make law. The Parliament can approve, reject or amend but the right of initiative lies with the unelected Commission. Even if the Parliament were to be reformed, British MEPs would still be a minority within it and unable to prevent the passing of laws harmful to our interests. The bottom line is: if we can't hire and fire the people who legislate, do we really live in a democracy?

Jane also claims that only 13% of UK legislation comes from the EU, not two-thirds. But that figure excludes EU regulations that don't require additional UK legislation to be implemented. Counting those EU regulations, the figure is about 60-65%. Furthermore, I'd be surprised if many taxpayers were as sanguine as Jane about the £160 million (net) we pay into the EU's coffers every week, especially with the gargantuan amounts of mismanagement, waste and fraud. Jane Ellis may believe that the money is better spent on EU vanity projects, bailouts and other hare-brained schemes, but I wonder how many overstretched taxpayers would agree?

Finally, Geoffrey Woollard asserts that our farmers are better off with the CAP than without it. However, the proportion of the EU budget allocated to agriculture continues to decline. Our farmers should consider what will happen when new countries join the club. All will be net recipients and inevitably subsidies to UK farmers will be reduced still further.

Paul Garner
West Drive Gardens
Soham

Act is there to protect us all

CAROLE Nottage writes about 'the Ludicrous Human Rights Act' and fears we have signed our country away. But she seemed a little confused about the facts.

The Human Rights Act has nothing to do with the EU; it was passed in Westminster in 1998, with cross-party support. British courts are not required to follow the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights absolutely - they must only 'take account' of them.

Our judges can - and often do - take account of the United Kingdom's own laws and traditions when making judgments. They are not being 'dictated to by non-elected foreigners'.

The Human Rights Act exists to protect the basic human rights of all our citizens, including those we might disagree with.

It is sad to find that some people find this aspiration 'ludicrous' - I'm sure Ms Nottage doesn't really want to live in one of the many countries around the world where these rights are not enshrined in law.

Richard Osborne
Lawns Crescent
Little Downham

Doesn't anyone care anymore?

While driving from Peterborough to Soham, via A1 and Huntingdon across the Fen, I was appalled by the number of plastic bag hanging from trees.

Then there was the unbelievable amount of litter on the roadside. What on earth is wrong with people?

Why do so many not care about their environment? A couple of months ago the Environment Agency cleaned the River Lode in Soham, within hours bottles were bobbing in it.

This weekend, a traffic cone, scooter and mountain bike tyre have appeared.

On the other side two planks of wood, to say nothing of the fact that Sanctuary Housing still has not removed all the debris from a fence which was knocked down by a falling tree in APRIL LAST YEAR.

I filled a black bag with rubbish on College Road a couple of weeks ago and wonder why our Town and District Councils don't enforce the law surrounding littering.

The PCSOs need to get out of their cars and just keep their eyes open and enforce that law; apparently our council does not recognise that law.

Shame on everyone who turns a blind eye and who thinks it is okay to trash our country.

Many states in the US have road patrols and people are subjected to fines in the region of \$250.00 for chucking stuff out of their cars and I witnessed someone being stopped for a sweet paper.

Let us use the money paid for Police Commissioners to employ road patrols and end this abomination.

D. Donald
Address supplied

Did Bee Orchids grow naturally?

REGARDING the story 'Protection for our rare orchids' (Ely News, April 14th): WHILE it is nice that the council has taken to a mowing programme at these sites, I do wonder how these orchids arrived as I can remember when Norfolk Road and Beresford Road were agricultural fields growing many different crops that were treated with chemicals.

Those crop fields also had very little drainage and became very wet at times with the heavy clay soil.

In my view it is hard to imagine that these Bee Orchids plants popped up and grew as nature intended without the help of a human planting initiative.

Also some of these sites have been dowsed in a white powdery substance (which I presume now was a chalk/Limestone treatment), which also in my opinion suggests the Bee Orchid was introduced and ground maintained to populate that area.

According to the website of the Wildlife Trust, Bee Orchids are not rare, but have a conservation status as common and prefer dry, chalk and limestone grassland.

Also Bee Orchid can be bought on the internet for as little as £1.85p for 2,000 seeds.

But it does not mean you can dig them up or pick the flowers, as they are still legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act as all wildflowers.

I do not oppose experimental or some areas to be laid to wildflowers, but I do wonder if it is necessary to let the rest of the community think these plants miraculously appeared naturally without being introduced.

Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

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Deaths	Deaths
DIGWEED Margaret <i>Of Sobam</i> Passed peacefully away at Kingfisher House, Newmarket on Saturday 26th March 2016 aged 82 years. Much loved aunt, cousin and friend. Funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium on Wednesday 4th May at 11.15am. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations, made payable to Guide Dogs for the Blind may be sent c/o R.J. Pepper & Son Family Funeral Directors 27, High Street, Soham, Ely, Cambs, CB7 5HA or at the service. Tel: 01353 720222	MOKTAN Colleen Sadly but peacefully departed our lives on Monday 11th April, 2016. Loving wife to Martin, much loved mother to Catherine and Dot, beloved grandmother to Craig, Alexandra and David and much treasured sister to Lionel (son) and sisters Trixie, Corrie and Ann. Love you Darling, love you Mum, love you Nana, love my pet sister always.
FAUX Winnifred Died suddenly at home on Tuesday 12th April 2016 aged 94. Much loved mother of Jennifer. The funeral will be held at St Mary's Church, Mepal on Thursday 12th May at 12.30pm followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium, March. No flowers by request, but donations to Arthritis Research UK may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 30 Forehill, Ely, CB7 4AF	NIXON Mervyn John of Little Ouse, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 7th April 2016 aged 62 years. Loving brother of Ann, brother-in-law of John, uncle to Karl and family and Lee and family. Sadly missed by his family and friends Funeral Service at St George's Church, Littleport on Monday 25th April 2016 at 1.45pm followed by interment in Littleport Cemetery Flowers, or donations if desired, for East Anglian Air Ambulance, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

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SELECTED: Lionel and Jillian Jackson with one of the first photographs Lionel took of his wife when she was 20. Below: his photo of the Fenland River Cruise boat which will be used on the Queen's birthday card



Lionel's photo is chosen for the Queen

AVID photographer Lionel Jackson has more than one reason to smile this month.

Not only did Lionel, aged 90, from Ely, celebrate his and his wife Jillian's 55th wedding anniversary on April 1, but one of his photographs has also been chosen to feature on the front of a 90th birthday card being sent to the Queen

by Age UK. The images on the front of the card are courtesy of camera clubs from across Cambridgeshire showing local landscapes and buildings – and Lionel's photograph of the Fenland River Cruise boat travelling on the River Ouse is among those chosen.

The card also contains 90 signatures and well wishes

from elderly residents across the county.

Lionel, who is the only remaining founder member of Ely Photographic Club, said: "I inherited my grandfather's photographic equipment in 1953 and have been doing it ever since."

"My tip on ageing well is have a laugh and don't moan about the past!"

COMMUNITY

Mayor raises £4k for centre

VOLUNTARY Community Action East Cambridgeshire (VCAEC) is now over £4,000 better off thanks to Ely's Mayor.

Cllr Lis Every chose the centre in Forehill – and the host of projects it supports – as the main beneficiary of her numerous fundraising activities.

Thanks to the success of the Mayor's Ball earlier this year and an evening with Cambridge United Football Club chairman, Dave Doggett, at St Peter's Church on Friday night, around £4,650 has now been raised.

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On Saturday, despite the appalling weather conditions, Cllr Every, members of VCAEC and the Rotary Club of Ely Hereward also attempted to lay a mile of coins down the High Street whilst it was shut to traffic.

A distance of 200 yards was achieved and all funds raised will go to VCAEC.

VCAEC is both the volunteer centre and the community voluntary sector (CVS) organisation for the whole of East Cambridgeshire.

The organisation not only helps people to set up voluntary and community groups in the district, but it also helps groups with their training needs such as safeguarding and first aid, and with funding and grant applications.

Also operating from its offices are the Helping Hands Car Scheme and the East Cambridgeshire Social Car Scheme – both of which are run entirely by volunteers.

To support VCAEC, to get involved or to find out more about volunteering, call (01353) 666166.

HEALTH

Support group

A NEW Facebook group has been set up to support local people who suffer with Fibromyalgia.

Hayley Mason is the woman behind the new Ely Cambridgeshire Fibromyalgia Support Group.

She is urging anyone with Fibromyalgia to like to group on Facebook or to call her on 07793 67128.

CRIME

Plants are stolen

PLANTS have been stolen from the park in Ely's Columbine Road.

Ten rosemary bushes and three ornamental grasses were dug up.

The plants were planted by a group of teenage volunteers last summer and it is believed the theft happened under darkness last Monday or Tuesday.

Call police on 101 with any information.

POLITICS

Devolution is a step closer

EAST Cambridgeshire District Council is the first authority to ratify the East Anglia Devolution Agreement.

Members voted to ratify the agreement at a meeting last Wednesday.

The vote means that the council has agreed to move to the next stage with the other authorities about the deal, which was announced in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget speech in March.

Some 22 authorities and the New Anglia LEP for Norfolk and Suffolk had signed to put the deal in front of their members to debate whether to agree or turn down the proposals, as well as the chance to go back to the Government with new proposals in the autumn.

The agreement sets out the framework for the devolution of powers and resources to Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk – specifically of funding and governance.

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Acceptance of the deal would bring £900 million of new funding to the region for economic growth over the next 30 years.

It would also result in a single mayor being elected for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk, as well as an East Anglia Combined Authority being established – proposals which have proved controversial to date.

As previously reported, Ely entrepreneur Peter Dawe OBE says he will stand for the Mayor of East Anglia if the deal goes ahead.

Mr Dawe, who played a key role in the delivery of the internet, including setting up PIPEX, says he believes the role needs "someone who can find creative solutions to the problems facing the Eastern counties".

A combined authority

would also mean the transfer of significant resources and powers from Central Government to the region – such as infrastructure, housing and job creation.

East Cambridgeshire District Council wants the following projects to be treated as priorities if devolution goes ahead – the Ely Bypass, Soham Railway Station and doubling of track, Ely North Junction, Newmarket Curve, junction A14/A142, Community Land Trust (CLT) development and related infrastructure, A10 upgrade and improvement to cross country links East and West.

Another meeting will be held on June 28 where the chief executive will update members on the implementation of these recommendations.



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Children dress as their favourite characters

THERE were smiles all round when children posed in front of the camera dressed as their favourite Disney characters.

Little Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket, which supports local children with autism and additional needs, held the Disney themed photoshoot at its base at the Ely Community Centre.

The charity has its own mobile photography and media studio at the centre to not only capture memories but to also use as a teaching tool and a method of fundraising.

The studio is also proving effective in helping to improve the children's social and communication skills. To find out more, go to littlemiraclescharity.org.



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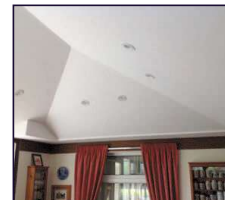
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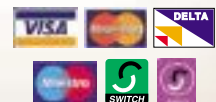
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AT ONE WITH NATURE: Melissa Harrison visited Wicken Fen to sign copies of her new book, *Rain: Four Walks in English Weather*.

Melissa's walks in the rain . . .

AWARD winning author Melissa Harrison visited Wicken Fen to sign copies of her new book, *Rain: Four Walks in English Weather*.

Published last month, the book explores our relationship with the weather as Melissa follows four rain showers, in four

seasons, across Wicken Fen, Shropshire, the Darent Valley and Dartmoor.

The inspiration for one of the walks in the book was a visit to Wicken Fen on a wet January day.

Melissa's visit to the reserve last Wednesday saw her signing copies and

enjoying a mooch around the beauty spot.

That evening Melissa, who writes a monthly column in *The Times*, then spoke about her book at a Toppings Booksellers event at Ely Library. The book, priced at £12.99, is available at both Toppings and Wicken Fen.

RELIGION

Bishop shares view on EU

EUROPEAN Union (EU) membership is about human rights and justice, as well as economic considerations.

That's the message from the Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway.

Preaching at the Norfolk Justice Service 2016 in King's Lynn, the bishop drew on Biblical calls for compassion – and pointed to the enshrining of access to justice in English law by the Plantagenet monarchs of the mid-12th century.

He said: "Medieval kingship was judged by the access to the law of the poor and under-privileged. With characteristic energy and verve, Henry II developed Anglo-Saxon justice to bring the courts close to local people.

"I would be careful to make a direct link between the Angevin Empire and the European Union across eight hundred years.

"Nonetheless, we need to be rightly concerned about

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our access to what 'great-spirited' means in relation to guaranteeing the direct human rights of every adult and child in this country in perpetuity.

"I suspect that very few people have a clear view of the benefits or defaults of our leaving the European Union from an economic point of view. What we do need to consider carefully is our future relationship with the European Courts of Justice."

Bishop Stephen continued: "Much is said about the sovereignty of our nation. As Christians, our national interest is always going to be overturned by our dual citizenship within the kingdom of heaven, which asserts the rights of individuals and groups because we proclaim the irreducible value of every human being under God. "In America, there is a

danger that alienated and dissatisfied citizens might adopt the belief that the best way to combat extremism is to define yourself over against others, like judging Mexicans who cross the border into the USA.

"As Pope Francis has said, you have to build bridges and not walls to be a Christian.

"We are reminded that Jesus refused to be defined over-against anybody in Israel and so took all the violence of the world into himself. He took all this and more to the cross.

"Candidates to be President of America or victors of referendums are all to be judged by their commitment to radical access to justice, which always says more about the judge than about the plaintiff."



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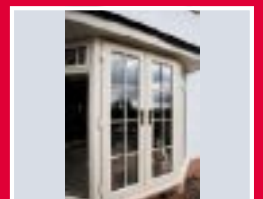
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Children's storytelling event at library

THE Littleport Riots will be the subject of a children's storytelling event at Littleport Library this Saturday.

Local storyteller Chip Colquhoun was commissioned to write the story as part of the Arts Council funded Arts Alive in Libraries project.

The event, *A Child's Eye View of the Riots*, is at 1.45pm and 2.35pm.

Tickets, priced at £1 per child, which includes refreshments, are available in advance from the library.

Rotarians enjoy trip to famous Jordan's Mill



ROTARIANS learnt more about cereal production during a trip to Biggleswade.

Ely Rotary Club members enjoyed a visit to the famous Jordan's Mill, which has been fully operational since 1855. They got to see the mill in full working order and enjoyed lunch in the restaurant.

The club hosts regular trips and days out. Visit elyrotary.co.uk.

Beau's heading for LA to pursue voice acting career



AMERICAN DREAM: Beau Bridgland, from Soham, is hoping to move to LA later this year to pursue his voice acting career.

MEET Beau Bridgland – the man planning to swap Cambridgeshire for the bright lights of Los Angeles in order for him to become a professional voice actor.

Beau, 26, from Soham, already has some voice acting experience under his belt – including being Scott on the video game, *Surface: Return to Another World*, and featuring on commercials and audio books.

But the former Soham Village College student is now saving money so that he can move to LA, which is where he says the majority of voice acting opportunities are.

Beau, who graduated from Loughborough University with a Maths degree, said: "When I was at university I learnt about voice acting on the side. I had quite a tough time at uni after my first year and was taking medication and having therapy for depression."

"Learning all about voice acting really helped me. When I graduated, I applied for so many jobs and didn't even get an interview. That's when I decided to really pursue my voice acting. I always

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knew it was a competitive industry to get into but that didn't put me off."

Over the last few years, Beau has attended numerous voice acting conventions and seminars in America and he says huge US agency, Vox Inc, are now willing to represent him.

He said: "I need to get over to LA now – it's where I need to be. My dream is to be on big cartoons, video games and commercials, and my aim is to be out there by the end of this year."

Beau is raising the money through his tape copying business where he copies old camcorder video tapes from VHS onto computers. He has also written his own eBook – *Day-To-Day Happiness: A simple and effective guide to happier thinking, happier language and a happier you* – which is available to buy on Amazon.

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Thrift – helping you go green

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SAVING money and increasing the value of your property – at the same time as helping the environment – seems like an impossible combination.

But Ely business Thrift Energy firmly and passionately believes this can and should happen, and has been a staunch supporter of the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund since its launch by the Department of Energy and Climate Change on June 6, 2014.

The scheme, funded by central government allows homeowners and private landlords to claim a voucher to help fund improvements; including the addition of solid wall insulation, double glazing or energy-efficiency heating.

Now, having already managed to save an estimated £1,000,000 per year off fuel bills for thousands of residents and property owners by providing proper insulation – both improving people's health and reducing their carbon footprint – Thrift is encouraging Cambridgeshire locals to take advantage of limited funding available as part of the Cambridge Green Deal Communities Scheme.

Money through the scheme, which is Phase 2 of the Green Deal Fund, is available until

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June 30 on a first-come, first-served basis – it is not means-tested.

The funding covers part of the cost of installing solid wall insulation, up to a maximum of £4,000 per property for home owners and private landlords. The homeowner or landlord is expected to pay a minimum of 25% of the cost.

For those renting, there may be a maximum of £1,000 available for other improvements recommended on an Energy Performance Certificate, such as high efficiency gas boilers or cavity wall insulation.

The Energy Saving Trust estimates that bill payers can save up to £460 per year due to the insulation conserving heat and of course the process also improves the look of the property. The Insulated Render and Cladding Association (INCA) also believe Solid Wall Insulation will increase the value of the property.

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Thrift Energy is one of Cambridge City Council's approved providers for this scheme, and is keen to get as many people on board as possible

before the deadline at the end of July (work must be completed by July 31).

Thrift, established in 2012, is one of the most experienced Green Deal installers in

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A maximum value of £4,000 per property may be awarded for solid wall insulation for owner occupiers. For all funding, the applicant is expected to pay at least 25% towards the cost of the improvement, funding is not means tested.

This offer is limited and applications will be considered on a 'first come, first served' basis. Installation must be completed by 31st July 2016.

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"I have had external wall insulation put onto my house. The men who did the physical work were fantastic. They worked incredibly hard and clearly took a great deal of pride in the beautiful work they did. Indeed, everyone with whom I have had contact could not have been more helpful and keen to help. Thank you for everything that Thrift energy has done" Catriona Ball

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Get your tools 'marked'

HELP to protect your power tools against theft by attending a security marking event in Ely.

Local PCSOs are running the event at Screwfix, based on Lancaster Way Business Park, this Saturday from 10am-12pm.

A spokesman said: "Power tools are often valuable and targeted by thieves. Marking them makes them easier to trace and reduces their re-sale value making them a less attractive target."

Simply pop along on the day.

Cancer support bus visiting Ely next week



GET information and support about cancer in Ely next week.

Macmillan Cancer Support's mobile service will be on the Market Place on Monday, April 25 from 10am-4pm.

A team of specialists will be on hand to answer questions, provide support and inform people about local cancer services.

People of all ages can attend.

FUNDRAISING

Cops reach new heights in aid of Ataxia charity



TEAM EFFORT: Eight members of the A shift at Ely station, and Felicity Wootton, completed the Three Peaks Challenge, raising funds for Ataxia UK.

POLICE officers have raised more than £2,000 for a charity close to one of their colleague's heart by climbing three of the UK's highest mountains.

Eight members of the A shift at Ely station, which includes PC Mark Wootton, took on the Three Peaks Challenge to raise as much as they could for the charity, Ataxia UK.

Mark's eldest son, Henry, was diagnosed with Friedrich's Ataxia, a rare degenerative genetic disorder, when he was nine.

Ataxia is an umbrella term for a group of neurological disorders that affect balance, co-ordination and speech.

Friedreich's Ataxia leads to reduced levels of frataxin, a protein vital for life and cell survival. It is a life threatening illness with no cure.

When Henry was diagnosed, he was given a life expectancy of early adulthood. He is now 24 years old.

The challenge saw the officers – and PC Wootton's wife, Felicity – climb the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales (Ben Nevis at 1344m, Scafell Pike at 978m

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and Snowdon at 1085m).

The intrepid team completed the challenge on the evening of Wednesday, April 13, in just over 24 hours. PC Wootton, who was back at work the next day, said: "It was an amazing experience and an incredible team effort, but tricky it was tough."

"I don't think any of us realised just how tough it was going to be – we ache like mad."

"We aimed to complete the challenge within 24 hours but we got into a bit of trouble on the second peak. We got completely lost in the dark and the weather was terrible, which set us back a few hours."

"We finished in just over 24 hours and have raised around £2,500 so far, which is amazing and we'd like to thank everyone for their support."

Mil-Ken Travel, based in Littleport, supplied the team with the minibus. To make a donation, visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/threepk_elyteam.

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CRIME

Fraud victims get money back

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FRAUD victims in the Ely area are getting their money returned to them by a police officer or police community support officer (PCSO).

Police say the local victims have all been targeted by fraudsters in a postal scam, encouraging them to send personal information, such as date of births, full names and 'registration fees' in cash or cheques.

The scammers ask for fees of £5 to be sent, and the victims are led to believe they will be entered into a competition for a free holiday or a car. They are also asked to send bank details – sort codes and account numbers.

In more than one case, the victim forgot to fill out the value of the cheque and had essentially sent a signed blank cheque.

The returns have been in-



MONEY BACK: Sue Loaker, East Cambridgeshire's crime reduction officer, returns a cheque to one of the victims

tercepted by Trading Standards and last week, East Cambridgeshire's crime reduction officer, Sue Loaker, and local PCSO Emma Graves, started to visit residents across the district to return their cheques to them – and talk about the dangers of postal fraud.

Sue, who is based at Ely station, said: "The postal returns are entirely false competitions, encouraging peo-

ple to respond with empty promises of free holidays, substantial cash prizes and even cars and houses. None of this is genuine.

"The forms look very convincing and professional. They have the resident's address printed on them – and for some this is enough.

"Generally speaking the victims are elderly, living alone or have other vulnerability issues.

"Please be aware of this and take steps to forewarn your elderly or vulnerable relatives."

The local police are also supplying window stickers for homes telling people that business will not be transacted on the doorstep.

A police spokesman said: "The advice has been received very well and awareness heightened."



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Looking to reduce your stress levels?

LEARN how to manage and/or reduce your stress levels.

Sarah Parkin, the woman behind the Ely Mindfulness Centre, is running a mindfulness-based stress reduction course at the Ely Cathedral Centre.

Rooted in Buddhism, mindfulness is a secular practice with positive influences for those living with depression and/or chronic pain. Sarah says the nine-week course is designed to reduce stress and anxiety, improve both physical and psychological well-being, and increase concentration.

It starts on Thursday, April 28 from 7-9pm. Call 07703 529959 or visit elymindfulnesscentre.co.uk.

HELPING HAND: Sarah Parkin, from Ely, is running the mindfulness course.



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Hospital volunteers are honoured at tea party

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VOLUNTEERS at Ely's Princess of Wales Hospital have been rewarded for their dedication.

A tea party was held at the hospital last Friday where Kath Flack, Mary Cornwall and Norman Lee, who are all in their 80's, received gifts and flowers from Matthew Winn, chief executive of the Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust.

The celebration included family, friends, and colleagues who the trio have worked with past and present.

Kath and Mary both started volunteering at the hospital back in the 1990s, with Norman joining them a few years later.

Between them they have worked in the medical records department, the Art Project, and managed the Thrift Charity Shop where they have raised around £1,200 for the hospital every year.

Mary, 87, said: "I've been here for 23 years so it's been a lot of years, but I've enjoyed every minute of it,



DEDICATED SERVICE: Back row: From left: Norman Lee, Felly D'Souza, Matthew Winn (chief executive) and Sue Starling. Front row: From left: Kath Flack, Mary Cornwall and Mavis Matthews.

and it's kept me going."

In addition to the long serving volunteers, Mary Johnson, Mavis Matthews, Sue Starling and Felly D'Souza, also volunteer at the hospital, regularly working on the reception and in the medical records department. They also received recognition for their work and ded-

ication.

Mr Winn said: "It gave me great pleasure to celebrate with these fantastic Princess of Wales volunteers. They are an integral part of our local hospital in Ely and their contribution is absolutely priceless. We thank them for their dedication and devotion to the com-

munity hospital and the patients who use it."

Gillian Leeper, estates site manager at the hospital, and who organised the party, said: "We are immensely grateful for all the support our volunteers give to the hospital - they are a very special group of people."

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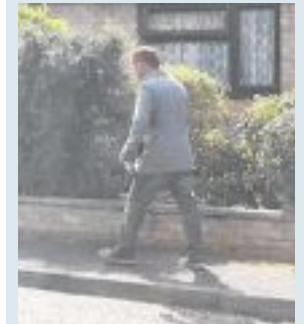
PRINTMAKING using natural materials is the focus of a workshop at Haddenham Galleries on Saturday.

Textiles artist and teacher Debs Munford is hosting the event, where people will be able to create their own unique picture using natural materials, such as leaves and flowers.

The workshop is from 10am-4pm, is suitable for all ages and costs £25.

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L to R: Caroline Bailey (owner), Holly Frankson (senior therapist), Chloe Emery (senior therapist), Leanne Rickard (senior therapist), and Caroline Arkless (manager)

SPA ely – your local destination for all things beauty and indulgence – is celebrating its tenth birthday this month.

And what a decade it's been for the salon, nestled at the bottom of Ely's quirky Forehill.

Since Caroline Bailey, who is from Ely, launched the business in 1996, to say it has grown and prospered would be a bit of an understatement.

Spa ely attracts clients from as far afield as London to enjoy the benefits of its luxurious surroundings, indulgent treatments and expert senior therapists.

In order to meet its ever-increasing demand, the Spa ely team is continuing to grow, and to celebrate the tenth birthday, it has just undergone another tasteful refurb, making it the real gem when it comes to spas and salons for miles around.

Spa ely consistently exceeds client expectations too.

Very happy customers have provided high praise for the spa, one saying: "I had the best experience ever! Relaxing, friendly and most of all I feel amazing", while others adored the massage service: "I can

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■ Coffee morning at St Mary's Church on Thursday from 9.15am.

■ 'Photography as Fine Art?' is the title of Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society's lecture at the Old Palace on Thursday at 7.30pm. Brian Slater is hosting it. Non-members welcome.

■ 'Prickwillow and Burnt Fen' is the title of the Fenland History on Friday talk at Ely Methodist Church this week. It starts at 10.30am. Call (01353) 648106.

■ Civic service at Ely Cathedral on Sunday to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. It starts at 4pm. Call (01353) 667735.

■ New evening service launching at St Mary's Church on Sunday at 6.45pm. Call (01353) 659550.

■ 'The call to the oneness of mankind' is the title of Ely Local Discussion Group's meeting at Ely Museum on Tuesday, April 26 at 7.30pm. Call 07746 761519.

■ Free valuation day at Rowley's auctioneers on Wednesday, April 27 from 10am-4pm. Call (01353) 653020.

■ 'Finding wisdom for life'

themed day of reflection at Bishop Woodford House on Friday, April 29. Cost is £27. Call (01353) 663039.

■ Cheeki Monkeys baby and children's event at the Ely Beet Club on Saturday, April 30 from noon-2pm. Clothing, toys and equipment for sale. Entry 50p for adults, free for children. Call 07758 689347.

Haddenham

■ Curry night at The Three Kings on Thursday, April 28. Call (01353) 749080.

Littleport

■ Royal quiz night at the leisure centre on Thursday to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. On Saturday there is then a family casino night starting at 8pm and on Sunday there is an indoor car boot sale from 10am-noon, hosted by Littleport Events. Call (01353) 860600.

Soham

■ Soham Museum Local History Group meeting at Soham Library on Tuesday, April 26 at 7pm. Call 07786 702596.

■ Soham Bowls Club

hosting a 'come and try it' day on Saturday, April 30 from 10am-4pm. There will also be a coffee morning and tombola from 10am-noon.

Wicken

■ Community Maypole dancing at St Laurence's Church on Sunday at 4pm. Call (01353) 624295.

■ 'Find your hidden treasure' day retreat at the Methodist Church on Saturday from 10am-3.30pm. 'The power of silent prayer' is the theme and the event is free. Call (01353) 722008.

Wilburton

■ Yard sales in the village this Saturday from 10am-2pm. Pop along to Wilburton Primary School for the map showing the locations of the yards and for refreshments. Profits go to the Wilburton School Association.

Witcham

■ Curry and cabaret evening at the village hall on Saturday from 7pm. Call 07759 458588.



TEA PARTY: Beech Court resident and board member Brian Webster and manager Debbie Crangle, front, with residents and guests.

Celebrations as housing scheme gets a £1.2million refurbishment

BEECH Court sheltered housing scheme in Littleport has been given a £1.2 million facelift.

The scheme, in Parsons Lane, is owned by Axiom Housing Association and is made up of 65 flats for vulnerable and elderly

residents.

As well as new kitchens and bathrooms, the refurb has included a new communal kitchen and assisted bathroom, electrical upgrades and new lighting to all communal areas and flats.

The main entrance and

all the communal areas have also been revamped, and the courtyard area has been landscaped. Residents, staff and local dignitaries, including Ely's Mayor, celebrated the project's completion at a vintage tea party last Thursday.

GET YOUR DOG MICROCHIPPED



From 6th April 2016 all dogs must be microchipped and registered with an approved database by 8 weeks of age.

This will make it easier to trace dogs if they become lost or stolen, and to reunite them with their rightful owners. All breeders will be required, by law, to register a puppies' microchip to themselves until passing the dog on to its new keeper. Failure to have your dog microchipped, or if the microchip isn't registered with a recognised database, could mean a fine of £500 if the dog is not microchipped and registered within a 21 day notice period.

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Babesiosis in Dogs... should I be worried?

Babesiosis is a disease transmitted to dogs from ticks. Although common in both Europe and the USA it is relatively rare in the UK. Three cases have been reported recently in Essex affecting dogs that had not travelled outside the UK. While we should be aware that the disease is present in the UK there is no need to panic.

Affected dogs become anaemic (low number of red blood cells) and may appear pale in the gum and lethargic. There are many other causes of anaemia in dogs that are far more common, but all require veterinary attention so if you are worried please bring your dog in for a veterinary examination.

Here in Cambridgeshire/The Fens we see relatively few ticks compared to the rest of the country. Usually we see most ticks from May-August.

- 1) Avoid walks where you know there are a high number of ticks;
- 2) Remove ticks. Our vet nurses can do this for you for no charge.
- 3) Kill the ticks if they bite your dog. We have two tablets available at Johnson and Scott which will kill ticks rapidly after they bite.
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The department store is bursting with stock including an impressive haberdashery department filled with an array of beads, feathers, ribbons and manned by staff experienced in speciality crafts such as quilting; everything you would need to carry out home improvements in its impressive DIY section; toys such as Sylvanian Families and

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Playmobil items; a wide range of model kits and, of course, the first-class adults' and children's bicycles that it is so well known for.

Alongside a wide selection of bikes for all needs and ages, the store's cycle centre also offers a reliable and expert repair service.

The DIY department, fully stocked with everything imaginable, offers customers the opportunity to choose their paint and accessories or to browse the wide variety of wallpaper in stock; and they are welcome to take home a sample book and order in a design of their choice.

Curtain rails, paste tables, shelving and timber are also available, with experienced staff on hand to offer advice to customers who may be approaching projects for the first time.

It doesn't stop at DIY, however, with accessories on hand for every plumbing and electrical need, too.

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Agricultural machinery specialists Thurlow Nunn Standen, based locally in Wisbech Road, Littleport, have everything a home gardening enthusiast could possibly need; with special seasonal offers to lighten the load.

The showroom is replete with mowers of all kinds, gardening tools, grass seed,

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Stihl and Viking products on promotion this month include the Viking MB248T 18-inch self-propelled lawnmower for only £258, offering a saving of £62 off the retail price.

For those about to cut their grass, an application of Aftercut lawn care to nourish the lawn is always useful – and Thurlow Nunn Standen has big value bags of 600m² coverage for only £20.65.

But the offers do not end there, with three Westland 75-litre multipurpose compost bags currently available for only £10.

Experts are always on hand at the showroom to answer any visitor questions on machinery, and the company's carry-to-car service means the heaviest items can be purchased even if you're on your own.

Pop in to the Littleport branch on Wisbech Road, CB6 1RA, or (01353) 863038 for more information.

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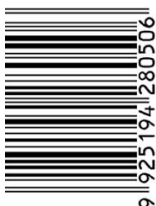
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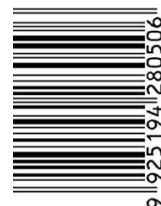
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Cover property

Chatteris: £425,000



THIS detached four bedroom home in Linden Drive, Chatteris, is on the market for £425,000. It has a large entrance hall, a sitting room with fireplace and sliding doors to the conservatory, a dining room, a kitchen, a laundry room and a downstairs cloakroom.

Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite, three more double bedrooms and a large family bathroom. Outside there is a double garage and a garden with lawn. Contact Abbotts Countrywide on (01353) 666502.

Feature homes

Soham: £549,950



THIS five bedroom detached character property in Fountain Lane, Soham, is on the market with a guide price of £549,950.

It has an entrance hall, a living room with wood-burner, a dining room, a kitchen/diner and a utility room on the ground floor.

Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite shower, three more bedrooms and a family bathroom.

There is an attached self-contained annexe, accessed off the kitchen, which has its own living room/kitchenette, bathroom and bedroom.

Outside there is a large driveway with parking for several vehicles, a detached double garage and an enclosed rear garden with patio area, lawn and trees and flowers.

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Littleport: £1,100pcm



THIS modern four bedroom townhouse in Highfield Drive, Littleport, is available to rent for £1,100pcm. It has an entrance hall, a downstairs cloakroom, a kitchen and a sitting/dining room with patio door.

Upstairs there is a double bedroom with en suite shower room, a family bathroom, a further double bedroom and a single bedroom on the first floor, while on the second floor is a large dual-aspect master suite with spacious en

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Wilford Drive: £215,000



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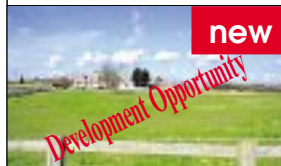
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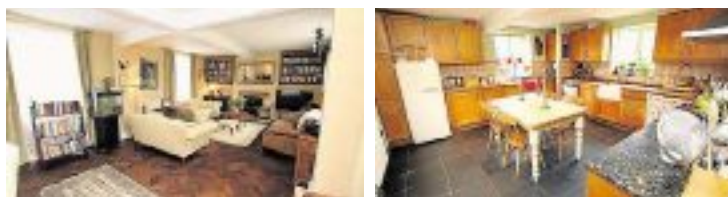


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Little Downham

£450,000.

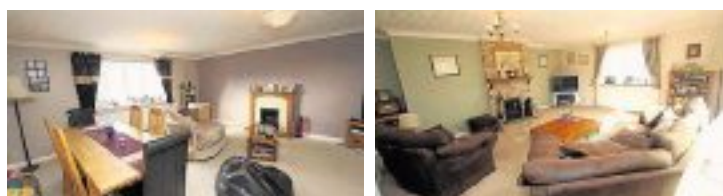
Situated in the heart of this popular village, this period family home offers versatile character accommodation with outbuildings, stables and garden extending to approximately 0.4 of an acre (sts). Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/family room, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, store room/brick outbuilding and garden. EPR E.



Haddenham

£450,000

A spacious detached family home situated in a small exclusive development of just 6 properties. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (master with dressing room and ensuite), further ensuite, family bathroom, double garage, parking and gardens. EPR D.



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Soham **£179,950**

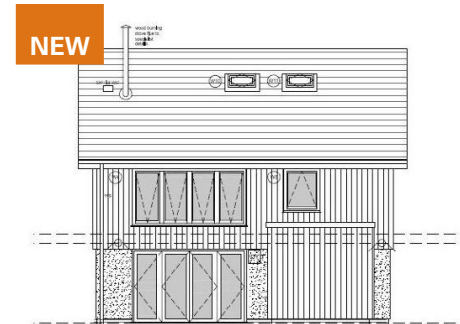
Situated in a popular residential location, this modern end of terrace home has accommodation comprising entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and floored loft, together with single garage, parking and gardens. EPR E.



NEW

Sutton **£219,995**

A well presented semi detached property in a cul de sac location on a popular residential development. Entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, open plan kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, spacious driveway, single garage, front and rear gardens. Benefits include gas central heating, double glazing and planning permission for a 2-storey extension. EPR D.



NEW

Prickwillow **£110,000**

A building plot of approximately 38m x 11m planning with permission for a straw bale timber framed detached dwelling of approximately 1,500 sq. ft. with double garage.



NEW

Ely **£235,000**

A well presented modern end of terrace property situated on a popular residential development. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom, together with gardens, driveway and garage. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and is being sold with no upward chain. EPR D.



NEW

Ely **£350,000**

A well presented modern property on a highly regarded residential development. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 with ensuite) with 1 bedroom being an impressive loft conversion, low maintenance garden, driveway, garage, gas central heating & double glazing. No upward chain. EPR TBC.



NEW

Haddenham **£325,000**

A sympathetically extended and improved semi detached property set on a generous plot with modern and contemporary accommodation. Entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms (1 with dressing room area & ensuite), bathroom, south facing rear garden and large frontage providing ample off road vehicular parking. EPR TBC.



NEW

Littleport **£275,000**

A well presented and spacious detached home comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, superb kitchen/dining/family room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens. No upward chain. EPR TBC.



NEW PRICE

Wicken **£525,000**

A deceptively spacious detached bungalow situated on a plot of approximately 2 acres including paddocks, offering spacious accommodation including entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, dining room, 25' lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom and conservatory. Ideally suited for those having an equestrian interest. EPR D.



NEW PRICE

Soham **£219,950**

A spacious 3-storey townhouse situated within a popular small development and overlooking the Soham Lode to the rear. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. The property has the benefit of gas central heating. EPR D.

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Haddenham **£275,000**

A well presented established semi detached house situated in the highly regarded village of Haddenham. Modernised and greatly improved, the accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room, 3 bedrooms, off road parking and gardens. The property also benefits from oil central heating and double glazing. EPR E.



Prickwillow **£279,950**

An immaculately presented detached bungalow in private gardens within a good size corner plot. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, modern kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms and modern bathroom. Outside there is an extensive gravelled driveway, garage/workshop measuring 49' in length and superbly maintained gardens. EPR TBC.



Tipps End **£675,000**

Mediterranean style Victorian house in a picturesque rural setting in mature grounds of approx 7 acres. Hall, cloakroom, inner lobby, 3 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room, utility, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), games room/bedroom 5, bathroom, shower room, dressing room, car port, barn, tennis court, approx 1 acre fenced gardens, 6 acres of paddocks. EPR F.



£245,000

A superbly presented modern family home situated on a well regarded residential development. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (1 with updated ensuite) and updated family bathroom, together with enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.



Ely **£395,000**

An immaculately presented and spacious detached home situated within a no-through road and comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and bathroom, together with driveway, garage and enclosed garden which is not overlooked from the rear.



Wicken **Guide Price £410,000**

A superbly extended individual detached home providing contemporary family living, situated within a quiet lane close to the highly regarded Wicken Fen Nature Reserve. Hall, cloakroom, superb bespoke fitted kitchen opening into family room, lounge/dining room, master bedroom suite with modern ensuite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & carport. EPR D.



Soham **£239,950**

An established semi detached property situated in a non estate location and requiring some cosmetic updating. Includes entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, rear hall with utility area, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom and W.C. Outside there are gardens, driveway and garage. No upward chain. EPR TBC.



Soham **£285,000**

An established detached bungalow situated in a non estate location. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with 2 garages, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas heating and double glazing. EPR D.



Little Downham **£335,000**

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Ely

£650 pcm

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Witchford

£675 pcm

Detached two bedroom bungalow in a popular village with garage and driveway. EPC: D



Littleport

£700 pcm

Brand new semi detached bungalow with an enclosed, low-maintenance garden and ample off road parking.



Haddenham

£700 pcm

Two bedroom bungalow with an enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway.



Littleport

£800 pcm

A spacious three bedroom house with an enclosed garden, garage and driveway. EPC: D



Ely

£850 pcm

Neutrally decorated three bedroom modern terraced house with an enclosed garden and driveway. EPC: C



Ely

£900 pcm

Semi detached three bedroom house with an enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking. EPC: C

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NEW



ELY

A well presented detached family home offering expansive accommodation over two floors with further potential to extend or develop STP close to the City centre and railway station.

5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, landing, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, office, off street parking, walled courtyard garden, double glazed and gas central heating. EPC rating: C

£999,950



HADDENHAM

An immaculately presented and extended, impressive, detached family home offering expansive accommodation in-excess of 2,800 sqft set on a delightful plot in a quiet non estate position within this popular village.

5 bedrooms, master with en suite bathroom, bedrooms 1 and 2 with Jack and Jill en suite, family bathroom, landing, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, family room, study, utility, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, double garage, parking, gardens. EPC rating: D

£675,000



NEW



BURWELL

A superb 17th century detached cottage offering expansive flexible accommodation throughout located in a non estate quiet position within this popular village.

5 bedrooms, master with en-suite bathroom, shower room, entrance lobby, cloakroom, reception, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room, utility, ground floor bathroom, snug, two double garages, gardens, parking, gas central heating, double glazed and solar panels. EPC rating: C

£625,000



NEW



CHETTISHAM

A five bedroom, chalet-style home set in 0.8 acres, with two stables in a popular, rural hamlet.

5 bedrooms, 2 en suites, family bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/living/dining room, study/bedroom 6, utility room, front and rear entrance halls. EPC rating: D

£549,950



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HADDENHAM

A well presented, extended and renovated period detached home offering spacious accommodation throughout with delightful mature plot.

3 bedroom, master with en suite shower room, family bathroom, split level landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, cloakroom, utility, double garage, workshop, gardens. EPC rating: F

£650,000



LITTLE DOWNHAM

£399,950

A well presented four bedroom detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout with Cathedral views to the front, located in a non estate position.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, off-street parking and gardens. EPC rating: E



HADDENHAM

£375,000

A well presented and extended individual three bedroom detached home offering spacious accommodation and extensive plot including a swimming pool.

3 bedrooms, shower room, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, bathroom, porch, gardens, garage/workshop, off street parking, swimming pool, studio/office, economy seven heating and double glazed. EPC rating: F

NEW PRICE



WICKEN

A beautiful four bedroom detached cottage full of character, set in mature gardens with double garage.

4 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen, cloakroom, double garage, driveway and surrounding mature gardens. EPC rating: E

£499,950



NEW PRICE



ELY

£379,950

A well presented four bedroom detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout within walking distance of St John's Primary School.

4 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, landing, entrance hall, cloakroom, study, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, single garage, off street parking and gardens. EPC rating: C

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NEW



SUTTON

£375,000

A well presented three bedroom detached bungalow offering good sized accommodation throughout sited on a slightly elevated private plot.

3 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, gardens, single garage, secure off street parking, gas central heating, double glazed and no chain. EPC rating: D



LITTLEPORT

£335,000

An immaculately presented and updated detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout located in a non estate position with private plot.

3 generous bedrooms, master and bedroom 2 with en-suite shower rooms, bedroom 3 with additional dressing room/study, family bathroom, landing, reception hall, sitting room, conservatory, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, gardens and off-street parking. EPC rating: C

NEW



LITTLEPORT

£184,950

A three bedroom semi detached property in need of modernisation with a large garden.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, entrance hall, rear hall, outhouse, coal shed, front and rear garden and driveway. EPC rating: D



LITTLEPORT

£114,950

A two bedroom, first floor flat offered as an investment opportunity with a tenant in situ, currently achieving £450 pcm.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, living/dining room, kitchen and allocated parking. EPC rating: F

NEW



SUTTON

£179,950

A well presented three bedroom semi detached home offering good sized accommodation located within this popular cul-de-sac.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, gardens, garage, gas central heating, double glazed and no chain. EPC rating: D



MEPAL

£335,000

A well presented four bedroom detached family home, situated in a non estate location in the village of Mepal.

4 bedrooms, master with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom. EPC rating: C



HADDENHAM

£297,950

A well presented and extended double fronted three bedroom semi detached home located within this popular cul-de-sac offering spacious accommodation.

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 - Non estate location
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 - Open plan kitchen/ dining
 - 5 bedrooms
 - Family and en-suite b/rooms
 - Double garage & garden
 - EPC Rating C

Ely



- £725,000**
- Substantial detached house
 - Non estate location
 - Fitted kitchen b/fast room
 - Vaulted ceiling to dining room
 - Lounge with fireplace
 - 5 bedrooms
 - 3 en-suites
 - Double garage
 - EPC rating C

Littleport

£92,500



- Purpose built groundfloor apartment
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/dining room
- Electric heating
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating E

Ely



- £495,000**
- Established detached house
 - Extended and improved
 - 4 bedrooms
 - En-suite to master
 - Lounge & dining room
 - Fitted kitchen & utility
 - Garage and parking
 - EPC Rating B



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£389,995



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- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en-suites
- Lounge & dining room
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- Double garage
- EPC Rating D

Ely



- Established semi bungalow
- 2 bedrooms
- Lounge and conservatory
- Kitchen
- Wet room
- Garage
- Good size garden
- EPC rating tbc

Ely



- Centrally located
- Loft style apartment
- Grade II Listed building
- Open plan living
- 1 bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating C

Lt Downham



- £385,000**
- Spacious semi house
 - Popular village location
 - 4 double bedrooms
 - Fitted kitchen & utility
 - Lounge & dining room
 - Groundfloor wet room
 - Garage and garden
 - EPC Rating C

Wilburton



Guide Price £465,000

- Established family home
- Cul-de-sac location
- 4 bedrooms
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- En-suite to master
- Double garage
- EPC rating C

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Guide Price

Beautiful Family House

Witchford

A lovely smart modern home, in a quiet cul de sac - a great family house in the popular village of Witchford. The three double bedrooms and a respectable single fit beautifully with the living space on the ground floor. REF: 9964

Great Family Friendly Location

£350,000-£360,000

EPC C



Littleport

Built For Entertaining Guide Price £225,000 to £235,000 My sellers loved this house from the second they saw the plans and were lucky enough to secure the property before it was even built. The house works right from the start for couples or families.

£225,000

EPC TBC



A Character Cottage

Soham

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A Slice of Local History

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EPC E



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Littleport

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Detached Family Home

£225,000

EPC D



Space, Space And More Space

Witchford

Sitting on a total plot of just over 1/2 acre, Michael and Linda knew there would be room to extend the bungalow to get the living space they wanted, without compromising the opportunity for Linda to fully follow her passion for gardening. REF 9963
Extended Detached Bungalow

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Soham

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Guide Price

Soham

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Exhibition free for all

THIS year's Celebration of Business exhibition at Ely Cathedral is just around the corner.

Businesses of all sizes from across the region are invited to have a stand at the four-day event for free.

Organised by the Ely Cathedral Business Group (ECBG), the exhibition is running from Friday, May 13 to Monday, May 16.

The exhibition culminates with a drinks reception and then a debate on the European Union, entitled 'Europe – IN or OUT', which starts at 7pm.

This follows on from a similar debate held by ECBG in February at which 500 people attended and participated.

An ECBG spokeswoman said: "We are planning to focus part of the evening specifically addressing issues raised by those who are as yet undecided on how to vote in the referendum."

"We are therefore looking for

volunteers prepared to form part of a questioner panel that will have around 20 minutes as a group to probe those representing both the in and out side of the debate.

"If you are still confused by the decision we all face on June 23 and want an opportunity to take part representing the 'undecided' within in our community, please contact the chair of the debate, Michael Watson, by email at s.mwatson12@me.com."

There is also a 'Grow Your Business' workshop being held on the Monday from 1-4pm as part of the exhibition where business owners can network with each other and find out how best to grow their enterprises.

To book your free place, call Helen Bossett on (01733) 370809.

To book a space for a stand and/or to attend any part of the Celebration of Business exhibition itself, email coralieregreen@ecbg.org.uk or visit elycathedralbusinessgroup.org.



SPECIAL VISIT:
MP Lucy Frazer with Tim Breitmeyer, deputy president of the CLA.

Fourth Monday meeting

'YOUNG people in the fresh produce sector' is the theme of Ely's Fourth Monday event next week.

Jabob Kirwan, from G's Fresh, will be talking at the meeting, which is organised by the Ely Cathedral Business Group (ECBG).

The event is at the Royal Standard public house, in Forehill, from 6.30pm.

An ECBG spokeswoman said: "Our motivation for the Fourth Monday gatherings are to encourage networking and building relationships, to learn about each other's businesses and professional lives, to share experiences, challenges and insights, and to inspire one another."

"We also aim to pursue the ECBG theme and purpose – the success of business as a driver of wellbeing in our community."

The event is free, open to everyone and there is no need to book. Visit elycathedralbusinessgroup.org.

Talking rural business with MP

GREATER support for the county's rural businesses was the focus of Country Land and Business Association (CLA)

deputy president Tim Breitmeyer's meeting with South East Cambs MP Lucy Frazer.

Ms Frazer was given a tour of his family's farming business, the

Bartlow Estate, plus their diversifications through renewable energy and conversions of agricultural buildings.

Mr Breitmeyer said: "It is vital that the needs of landowners, farmers and rural businesses are recognised by MPs – especially at a time of greater devolution. These

deals must not ignore the potential for growth within the rural economy, nor the needs of rural businesses."

Earlier this year, the CLA launched its Standing Up for Rural Businesses paper to persuade politicians to unlock the potential of the rural economy.

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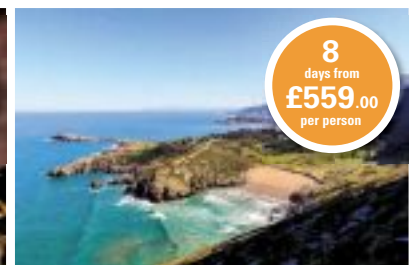
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Sister act

POPULAR folk duo, The Rheingans Sisters, are coming to Ely.

The fiddle-singers – Rowan and Anna – who grew up in the Peak District, are performing at Samovar Tea House, in Forehill, on Tuesday, May 3.

Both professional musicians, Rowan is well known on the English folk music scene as part of hugely popular BBC Folk Award nominated trio Lady Maisery as well as for her work with Nancy Kerr & The Sweet Visitor Band.

She also composes for theatre and is part of the 'Songs of Separation' super-group alongside Eliza Carthy and Karine Polwart, amongst others.

Anna lives in Toulouse, in Southern France, where she is a much sought after fiddle player and teacher of French music traditions, in which she has fast become an expert having just gained a 1st class diploma from the Conservatoire Occitan.

As both sisters have also spent a significant amount of time studying fiddle music in Scandinavia, they pull a range of influences from both the northern and southern European fiddle traditions into their own compositions and arrangements.

Their concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £10.

Pop into Samovar or visit samovarteahouse.co.uk/events.

the guide

MUSIC



FINALISTS: Clockwise, from left: Tom Korni, Stone Deepe, Permission to Dance, Saachi, Schrodinger's Strings and The Virtues



MUSIC



SINCE his early days when he played Cambridge Folk Festival's Club Tent showcase, we've always had a bit of a soft spot for the be-dreadlocked wonder that is Newton Faulkner.

So we're pretty stoked to hear that he's coming back to town, this time in the much less humble surroundings of Cambridge Corn Exchange. Yay. With his trademark locks now lopped, what obviously hasn't changed is his commitment to songwriting, with album number five – *Human Love* – boasting the full complement of cracking tunes, with a polished sheen that's clearly been honed by his years of success.

Live, he's always a compelling presence and a fabulous performer who gives his all. It's what made us first sit up and take notice at the Folk Festival, and it's what continues to make him someone that we'll always want to watch.

■ Newton Faulkner, Corn Exchange, Friday, April 22, 7.30pm. Tickets £24 from cornex.co.uk/ / (01223) 357851.

Cambridge Bands: the final

IT'S the final of the Cambridge Band Competition! Winners from the heats, which ran each Saturday in March, have been picked, and there's just one last performance-of-a-lifetime to pull out of the bag, for the chance to win some fabulous prizes, as well as the kudos of being picked as the winner.

Each finalist has already won a performance slot at this summer's Strawberry Fair, but if you don't want to wait until June to see what all the fuss is about, make sure you get along to support your favourite.

The finalists are Stone Deepe (heat one winners, a progressive indie rock four piece from Cambridge), heat two victors Permission to Dance (described as a Disco Band from Baldock), Schrodinger's Strings who won the third heat (a trio rocking out on two harps and a guitar), The Virtues (heat four winners, an alternative four piece from Bury), Under 18s winner Tom Korni (billed as the 'one boy band') and, finally, Saachi – a Cambridge University-based five piece jazz-pop ensemble, who won their place in the final thanks to their fans

providing them with the loudest audience cheer of the competition so far.

The sheer variety of styles and band types who've made it through to the last six speaks volumes, we think, about the array of diverse talent we're lucky enough to have in the region. Good luck to all the finalists!

■ Cambridge Band Competition final, Friday, April 29, Cambridge Junction, 7pm. Tickets £9 (adv) from junction.co.uk/ / (01223) 511511.

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Slither on into town...

THOUSANDS of people will be heading into Ely next weekend to celebrate the city's association with the humble eel.

Ely Eel Festival – one of the highlights of the city's events calendar – will see a whole host of eel-related activities taking place from Friday, April 29 through to Monday, May 2.

And this year's event, held again in partnership with the *Ely News*, promises to be one of the biggest and fun-filled to date.

It all kicks off with the Business Eel Throwing Competition on Ely Market Place on the Friday at 11am, when retailers and businesses – including the *Ely News* – will battle it out to be crowned City Centre Eel Throwing Business of the Year.

On the Saturday the action begins with the ever-popular eel procession.

Starting at 10.30am, the parade – led by Ellie the Eel, Ely's Samba Band and town criers – will start from Cross Green next to the cathedral and will head along part of the city's Eel Trail Heritage Walk, down to the Waterside ending in Jubilee Gardens.

As ever, everyone is welcome to join the parade.

In the gardens, there will be folk music, the annual town crier competition, dancing, historical displays, the World Eel Throwing Competition, basket weaving and tanks of real eels to admire.

The Eel Food Safari will also see restaurants and cafés producing special festival dishes/menus such as eel-shaped

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biscuits, jelly eel fudge and moj-eel-tas cocktails. Participating venues will display an Eel Food Safari logo to show they are part of the promotion, which is running throughout the weekend.

As reported, the weekend culminates in the Food and Drink Festival, which is running on Palace Green on the Sunday and Monday from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Check out ely-news.co.uk for the full line-up, including demos by famous chefs.

Tracey Harding, tourism and town centres manager at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "This is always a fantastic weekend with so many businesses and organisations taking part.

"Along with our attractions, shops and markets, the visitors to Ely this weekend have so much to see and do."

ART

Striking etchings and other work at Ely's Babylon Gallery

CAMBRIDGE based artist and printmaker Paul Hawdon is exhibiting his work in Ely.

His striking exhibition, entitled *Traces of Memory*, is a small, selected retrospective of etchings and other work he has made over the last 25 years. Paul's work moves between large symbolic etchings to smaller, intimate studies of landscape, architecture and life figure.

His work is mainly seen in mixed exhibitions in London. He has won a number of prizes, including at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, The Royal West of England Academy, The Discerning Eye and at various

print exhibitions.

Paul also currently has four small etchings in the exhibition, *Artificial Realities*, and at the Courtauld Gallery at Somerset House in London.

His exhibition in Ely is at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, from Thursday, April 28 to Sunday, May 8.

The gallery is open everyday and admission is free.

Visit paulhawdon.co.uk.

Local artist Paul Hawdon exhibiting his work at Ely's Babylon Gallery from April 28-May 8. Admission is free. Visit paulhawdon.co.uk.

CLOSER TO HOME

● ELY'S next Innovation Music Night takes place at Centre E on Saturday, April 23. As ever, local musicians and bands will be taking to the stage, including local punk band, Asbestos, and guitar virtuoso, Mickey Necrosis. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £3 on the door or in advance at wegottickets.com/ adec. Alternatively, call (01353) 616991.

● AMNESTY International Ely City Group is showing Steven Spielberg's Cold War thriller, *Bridge of Spies* (12A), to raise funds for Amnesty's human rights work. The screening is at Ely's Old Palace on Saturday, April 23 at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 each. Pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely or go to wegottickets.com/event/354871.

● ROCK 'n' roll legends, Bo Walton and Red Alert, are performing at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, April 23. Doors open at 7pm and entry is £6 for members and £7.50 for non-members. Call (01353) 688269 or visit hiam.org.uk.

● AUTHOR Ben Wilson is talking about his new book, *Heyday Britain and the Birth of the Modern World*, in Ely on Thursday, April 28. His talk is at Ely Library at 7.30pm. Call Toppings on (01353) 645005 or visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

● DAVID Brownlow and Ryoko Yasujima are hosting a lunchtime recital at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, April 28. The event is at 1.10pm and is raising funds for Potter's Village in Uganda, which is the mission project for Ely's St Mary's Church. Admission is by cathedral ticket or pass and there will be a retiring collection. Call (01353) 660349.

● STAND-UP comedian Jeremy Hardy is coming to The Brook in Soham on Friday, April 29. Jeremy is best-known for his work on Radio 4, notably on *News Quiz*, *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* and *Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation*. The event starts at 8pm and tickets are £14. On Sunday, May 1, country musicians Speed Limit are then performing at the venue, starting at 2pm. Tickets are £12. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

● SINGER, comedian and impersonator Johnny Dee is hosting a cabaret evening at Ely City Football Club on Saturday, April 30. The event starts at 7.30pm and the dress code is smart. Tickets are £25 each or £250 per table. Call Len on 07585 890167.





The art of collecting plants

THERE'S an air of antiquity to the gardens at Netherhall Manor.

Round the corner of the 1830s house – believed to be the third incarnation of Soham's Manor, after fires razed its forerunners to the ground – and you're met with colonnades of lichen-blotched stone and a minstrel's gallery of sun-bleached lead statuary.

Both give the impression of reclamation from sites of special architectural interest. In fact, the Classical 'stone' is cast concrete; the Rococo

Timothy Clark has spent the last 60 years tracking down horticultural treasures and tending them in his Soham Garden. The grounds of Netherhall Manor are now a gallery of rarities, as Alice Ryan discovers.

statues recent copies.

Yet that air of antiquity is far from misplaced. There are genuine historical gems in this garden – but to find them, you must dig a little deeper.

Netherhall is home to plantsman Timothy Clark and his painstakingly curated collection of rare and endangered varieties. Compiled over some six decades, it spans Tudor primroses (such as the sweet double-bloomed 'hose in hose', named after a style of gentleman's stocking) and Victorian pelargoniums (most hailing from a single country estate greenhouse, they include such rarities as scarlet-flowered 'Dolly Varden').

"I do hate it when people get pretentious about their gardens," says Timothy. "This garden is simply a backdrop to the plants. I've spent the last 60 years of my life saving plants that, at the time, nobody else was interested in, and preserving them for posterity. At this late stage of the game – I'm 81 – I'd like to think the plants will have a life beyond my own."

Set in deep borders in soldier-neat ranks, each row meticulously labelled, the plants are clearly the paint; the fixtures and fittings of the walled garden merely canvas. "The planting scheme loosely follows the Queen Anne style; I realised many of the plants I was taking on dated from the 1700s, so it seemed fitting."

Every specimen has its own story to tell. The hellebores – with their party-skirt petals ranging from snow-white to almost-black – are the garden's current showgirls. Most have been inherited from acclaimed breeders; left to Timothy for safe-keeping. Several are the handiwork of the famed Helen Ballard, who was still striving to create a true blue bloom when she died. Among her loveliest is the inky-petalled 'Phillip'; a notably vigorous variety, she named it after her husband: "She said he was the

toughest man she knew."

Eric Smith – another name which will be familiar to hellebore fans – bred 'Pluto', 'Taurus' and the sunny 'Sirius', which Timothy declares "still the best yellow you'll find".

Giving the guided tour of the garden, black labrador Willow at his side (unless she's ambling into a border to sniff the rain-sodden soil, returning with paws heavy with sods), Timothy says his fascination with plants has been lifelong, dating back to earliest childhood. His grandmother, a herbalist who swore by her ancient edition of *Culpeper's*, kept a glorious garden. Timothy has memories, as a very small boy, of being mesmerised by butterflies flitting between her jewel-hued tulips.

Tulips continue to mesmerise Timothy today: another of his collections celebrates florists' tulips (nothing to do with flower arranging, a 'florist' was the given name for a gentleman who grew blooms for the entertainment of others). Known for their elaborately 'flamed' and 'feathered' petals – the colour streaking is the happy side-effect of a bulb virus – the tulips' popularity peaked, then troughed, in the early 19th century.

A tulip called 'Picotee' was among the many plants left to Timothy by his grandmother. His success in nurturing this aged cultivar so impressed the chairman of Wakefield and North of England Tulip Society, the country's only remaining tulip group, he dispatched a collection of 30 more to Netherhall.

Thanks to Timothy and his fellow Tulip Society members, these glorious flowers – like the blackcurrant-rippled 'Columbine' (1920) and pink-and-white-striped 'Juliet' (c 1845) – are now edging their way out of the shadows.

Soham born and bred, Timothy bought the Manor in 1960. "It was scheduled for demolition; at that stage, houses far grander than this were being lost at an incredible rate – one every fifth day." Though it was an enormous renovation project, which had to be completed piecemeal and to a snug budget, Timothy (always glad, it seems, to come to the rescue) says it was a privilege to be able to preserve both house and grounds.

Timothy's budding boyhood interest in horticulture blossomed at school, where Roy Genders – the county cricketer-turned-gardener, who went on to write more than 90 books on the subject – taught him Latin. In different times, he may have pursued a career in gardening; instead, Timothy joined the erstwhile family flour business, Clark & Butcher: "I had a living to earn." With a towering water mill on Soham Lode, the company specialised in biscuit flour, with McVitie's among its biggest clients.

But, in his leisure time, Timothy's passion for plants grew apace. It was through Roy he came into contact with the "three amazing old ladies" who passed him the baton of plant preservation: Margery Fish, Mary McMurtrie and Gladys

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LIFELONG
LOVE OF
PLANTS:
Timothy
Clark



FEATURE



Emerson.

Widely considered the mother of contemporary cottage gardening, Margery was born in Hackney, schooled in Saffron Walden and went on to serve as secretary to six successive editors of the Daily Mail – the last of which, widower Walter Fish, she married. It was the garden of their marital home, East Lambrook in Somerset, which fired Margery's green thumb and became her masterwork.

With a fondness for wildness and informality, she took the planting style popularised on a grand scale at Hidcote and Sissinghurst and reworked it in a domestic setting.

Without finance for legions of gardeners, Margery planted with low-maintenance and year-round colour in mind. Coming to public attention post-war, her gardening ethos – frugal yet joy-filled – was very much of the moment.

Scottish botanical artist Mary McMurtrie was her friend, correspondent and kindred gardening spirit. Prodigious and prolific, Mary completed the illustrations for her final book, *Old Cottage Pinks*, just days before her death, aged 101, in 2003.

She, Margery and Gladys – also a renowned illustrator – were part of a small but doughty band of enthusiasts keen to cultivate the famously flighty double primrose. Pointing out a solitary specimen in the far corner of his garden, the flowers little ruffs of palest lemon, Timothy says seeing it bloom on the still-grey days of early spring is “a singular pleasure”.

Roy Genders put Timothy in contact with the triumvirate when he struggled to get the doubles to thrive in his drought-blighted garden; so a pen-pal friendship group was born. Timothy – who's since written books about both Mary and Margery – credits “these quietly remarkable ladies” with rescuing umpteen plants from the grounds of condemned country estates, and with showing him the way.

A dinky but distinctive snowdrop, growing alone beneath a tree, is, Timothy explains, ‘Netherhall Yellow’; the Manor's own galanthus.

Soham, he continues, plays a starring role in snowdrop lore:

“Galanthomania started here – it all began with a giant type that grew wild . . .” A member of the Mathias family visited the town in wartime and left, Timothy believes, with some bulbs; by 1951, the Mathias-run Giant Snowdrop Company had become the toast of the horticultural town – thanks to ‘S Arnott’ which, with its honey-scented, pearl-drop flowers, reaches an impressive 1ft in height.

The out-size snowdrops shouldn't, cautions Timothy, be confused with the similar yet definitely different snowflakes – of which he has drifts, currently flowering in unison with old daffodils and hyacinths. Many of the hyacinths are direct descendants from some mixed bulb

sacks Timothy acquired while working, in his flour trading days, on King's Lynn market. The unassuming sacks revealed untold varietal treasures, many of which have since joined Alan Shipp's National Collection in Waterbeach.

Growing entirely organically, Timothy produces everything from main-crop potatoes to antique herbs. The potato beds play a crucial part in the tulips' life-cycle: “Once the potatoes are lifted, I top-dress with green manure that's dug in during the first week of October, ready for the tulips to be planted the day after the Lord Mayor's Show.” Growing top-notch tulips is an exacting business: the bulbs must, for example, be lifted precisely six weeks after petals drop.

Though Timothy takes plant preservation seriously, there is an irreverence to his garden; not least in the faux stonework and statuary. “The plants I've collected are, for the most part, quite small and humble; I knew the garden itself needed to set the plants off.

“I actually cast the concrete pillars and wotnot myself,” laughs Timothy, who dubs the folly of arches in front of the greenhouse “our Brandenburg Gate”. “I couldn't do it now, of course, but it had the desired effect.”

One of the loveliest spots in the garden is the small but perfectly formed fountain courtyard. At the entrance, a slightly straggly patch of pulmonaria – the lowly lungwort – is, adds Timothy, “perhaps surprisingly, the most precious plant in the garden”. Another inherited specimen, this time it was the gift of garden writer Tony Venison – who was, in turn, given it by the Queen Mother.

“He was tasked with writing up her garden at Sandringham. She had a very good eye for plants. When he finished, she asked him to choose a plant as a thank you – and that's what he chose. When I was asked to clear his garden, I brought it here. I know it doesn't look much – especially after all the rain – but I am attached to it.”

The house and garden will pass in due course to Timothy's children and grandchildren; his hope is that fellow plant conservationists will help keep his collections alive and thriving.

Netherhall – which also opens via Invitation to View and by appointment in partnership with the RHS – has been opening through the National Gardens Scheme for 25 years. “It started because I and one of the gardeners I had at the time had both lost our wives to cancer. The only charity that helped us was Marie Curie – and the NGS raises money for Marie Curie.”

The garden has opened to the public ever since, and has been known to attract upwards of 400 visitors in a single afternoon. “I would say that if you want to see an honest garden, a garden that's not pretending to be something it's not, Netherhall is a good place to come.”

Home to a unique collection of plants – and the unique man who collected them – Netherhall is more than that: it's a piece of living history.

Netherhall Manor is at Tanners Lane, Soham CB7 5AB. The garden is opening for the NGS on May 1 (when the tulips will be at their best), August 7 and August 14 (peak flowering time for the pelargoniums). Find out more at ngs.org.uk.

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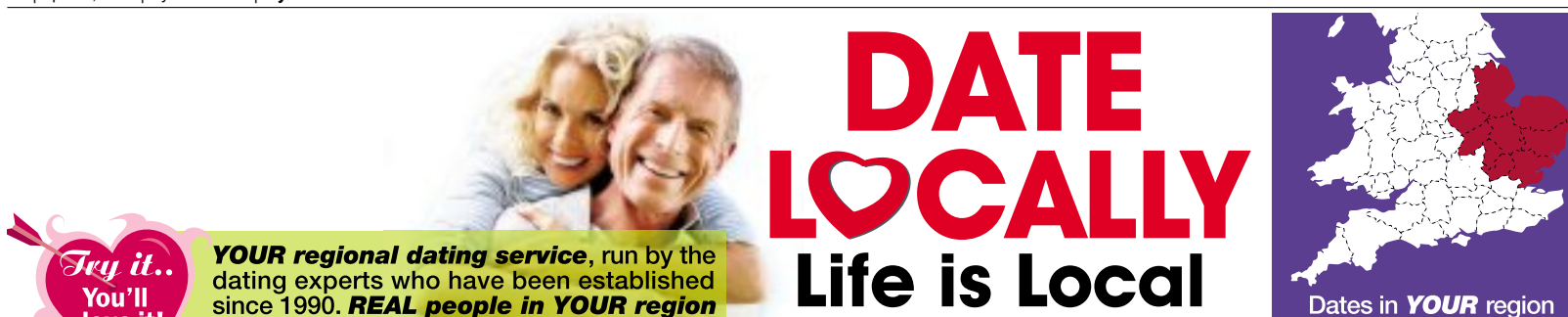
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Diesel price 'discrepancy'

SINCE mid-March the price of wholesale diesel has averaged 4 pence per litre less than petrol and yet over the same period the retail price between the two fuels has remained the same.

In fact, a survey has shown that thousands of garages are selling diesel at more than the price of petrol despite diesel's persistent lower wholesale price.

For instance, a survey of pump prices in Kent last week (see table, right) at a selection of petrol stations showed their wholesale prices profit margins range from 4-6p for petrol and 10-12p for diesel.

Quentin Willson, FairFuelUK campaigner, TV motoring journalist and broadcaster said: "We're constantly stunned at the arrogance and indifference of the road fuel industry and the way they treat their end users with such contempt. Despite plaintive cries of only having a few pence profit per litre, the industry has over the last year been enjoying margins of 10p to 12p a litre on diesel.

"While FairFuelUK battles with the Treasury to keep fuel duty rises frozen, both independent and franchise fuel retailers operate a silent cartel to keep prices as high as they can.

"Only Asda operates a transparent pricing mechanism but their force alone isn't enough to stabilise the market.

We all see the market working for the operator and against the consumer but politicians seem indifferent because the market is so opaque.

"The very fact that this is now a sector known for its profit margins and strong cash flow is proof positive that there's a lot of money being made by fuel retailers, despite their cries of poverty.

"Many investors are comparing petrol retailing to the cash generation of utility companies but without the onerous levels of regulation. We think that the extra cost to the UK economy from opportunistic fuel retailing is so significant that it warrants an independent investigation.

"Two years ago we pushed for an OFT investigation into the road fuels market (got one) but were told by the government that the market was functioning normally. Insiders told us the OFT had no real appetite for a root and branch investigation and were aggressively lobbied by the oil majors.

"We held our own APPG fuel Enquiry in the Commons in December 2015 but industry attendees actually told us that they believed consumers liked driving round looking for cheaper fuel and that the concept of 'rocket and feather' was a figment of consumer's imaginations.

"We have this on tape."

Howard Cox, founder of the FairFuelUK Campaign said: "Wholesale petrol has been 5p higher than diesel for weeks and yet pump prices remain the same for both fuels.

"It's clear following the Budget's continuing freeze in duty due largely to our hard scrapped campaigning, those in the fuel supply chain are now returning to type. To unscrupulously fleece motorists, particularly those that fill up with diesel!

"Retailers are not passing on the benefits of lower oil prices revealed in current wholesale levels and in some cases are now taking a huge 12p per litre in margins.

"That's £5 profit from an average motorist each time they fill up. FairFuelUK supporters are already livid they are paying the highest fuel tax in the EU but this persistent profiteering by retailers, and their manipulative rocket and feather pricing tactics is making UK drivers even more incandescent with rage.

"The impenetrable world of unfair fuel pricing at the pumps needs impartial policing now through an 'OfPump' styled process, to stop the on-going cash cow abuse of hard working drivers who have absolutely no choice but to pay these unnecessarily high fuel prices."

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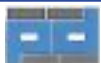
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Byway 44, Downham (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE) ORDER 2016/182

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Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 49, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the pedestrian crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers. The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed. The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 7 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished on or the 6 November 2016 whichever is the earlier. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 7 May and 22 May 2016.

Byway 43, Little Downham (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE) ORDER 2016/178

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The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 7 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished on or the 6 November 2016 whichever is the earlier. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 7 May and 5 June 2016.

Footpath 50, Ely (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE) ORDER 2016/183

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 50, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the pedestrian crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers. The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed. The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 7 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished on or the 6 November 2016 whichever is the earlier. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 7 May and 22 May 2016.

Hempfield Road, Littleport (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016/194

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Hempfield Road, Littleport as lies between Orchard Close and Hempfield Place. The alternative route for vehicles is via High Street - Crown Lane - Wellington Street - Granby Street - Victoria Street - Barkhams Lane - Hempfield Road and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate sewer repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 23 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished on or the 22 November 2016 whichever is the earlier. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 23 May and 27 May 2016.

Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Peterborough Line) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016/206

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Peterborough Line) as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers. The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 - A1101 - A10 - B1382 and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 29 May 2016 and continue until those works have finished on or the 28 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 00:30hrs and 10:00hrs 29 May 2016.

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders. The above Orders shall not apply to any persons lawfully engaged in connection with any works for which they are made, any member of the Police Force, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, a vehicle being used by Special Forces during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform. Graham Hughes, Executive Director, Economy, Transport and Environment, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP

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DRESSAGE

LAP OF HONOUR: Tracy Fall on Mount Pleasant San Lorenzo
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Fall has Pleasant time on her championship debut

TRACY Fall had a National Championship debut to remember as she clinched a title and a third-place finish at the NAF Five Star Winter Dressage Championships in Hartpury.

Fall, who runs

the Mount Pleasant Equestrian livery yard near Chatteris, won the KBIS Preliminary Championship on Mount Pleasant San Lorenzo – stable name Jack – with a score of 72.95 per cent, and came third

Fleur in the Novice Freestyle with 71.48. “I went with the aim to place in the top 10 and was over the moon with Fleur placing third, but to win a national title with Jack was just unbelievable,” said Fall.



CALM: Tracy Fall came third on Mount Pleasant Fleur

TABLE TENNIS

Mohan's maximum helps Ely fight back

ELY I recovered from a slow start to get the better of Fulbourn II in Ely & District League, Division One.

Fulbourn's Phil Hague beat Liam Mohan in five games and Nigel Bates beat Christian Mohan in four, before Kieran Mohan pulled one back for Ely by beating Stuart Walsh in three straight games.

And that success sparked Ely into life as they cleared the rest of the board, with Kieran Mohan completing his maximum and then partnering Christian Mohan to take the doubles against Bates and Walsh.

CYCLING

McAndrew performs well at Henham Park

JOHN McAndrew was fifth in his class for Ely & District Cycling Club/B&T Motor Repairs in round two of the Mud, Sweat & Gears Eastern Series held at Henham Park.

McAndrew finished five laps in a time of 1hr 39min 41sec in the male grand veteran

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Elsworth I's Roger Fensom and Owen Davies both scored maximums and then joined forces to win the doubles when they recorded an 8-2 victory at NCI.

Kelvin Mitchell and Nick Rains both beat Peter Goatly for the losing side before being defeated in the doubles.

Soham I sprinted into a 5-0 lead when

they took on Ellesmere I, with all of the games being won in straight sets.

They maintained their form by taking each of the next three in four sets, before two five-set games completed the evening – Rhys Davies beating Nathan Stewart for Ellesmere's only point, and Martin Freeland and Stewart claiming the doubles for Soham.

Freeland remained undefeated throughout, as did Iyaylo Kostadinov.

There are several matches still to be played across all of the divisions, but most of the promotion and relegation issues have been resolved.

GOLF



WINNER: Ella Mason celebrates with the trophy

Mason on top form to lift Lesley Ford Trophy

ELLA Mason made light work of tricky conditions on her way to winning the Lesley Ford Trophy at the girls' Cambs & Hunts Junior Golf Spring meeting, hosted by Lakeside Lodge.

Mason was one of 39 girls aged between seven and 17 who took part in the event, with the top nine competing for the Lesley Ford Trophy on the 18-hole lodge course.

Despite the bright sunshine on the day, the course played long after recent heavy rain, which made it challenging for many of the players.

Mason, from Ely City Golf Club, had few difficulties however, as she

completed an excellent round of 72 to win the trophy.

Second prize went to clubmate Eleanor Gamble, who produced a round of nett 73.

The scratch prize was won by Gog Magog's Lindie Tapping with a gross score of 89.

Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) and Lucy Pepper (Gog Magog) won the hidden pairs prize with a combined score of 161.

The girls, who play with a handicap of 36 or higher, competed in an 18-hole stableford competition, and this was won by Sienna Mason, also from Ely City, with 22 points.

NETBALL

City prevail in final game

CITY of Ely I completed their Cambridgeshire Premier League campaign with a 34-27 win over Milton, finishing in the upper half of the table.

The seconds got their Cambridge & District Summer League season off

to a victorious start with a 43-28 success over Coljags I, thanks to exceptional shooting by Sarah Smith and Gemma Wilson.

City under-14s began their C&D Summer League campaign with a 34-14 win against Cambourne.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Rovers secure final spot

JOSH Huckle fired Haddenham Rovers under-14s into the final of the Premier Sock Tape Cambridge & District Colts League Cup with a hat-trick

as they beat Cherry Hinton Lions 3-2.

Huckle put Haddenham 2-1 up at half time and sealed the win after the break.

Runaway leaders win again

ISLEHAM under-13 girls consolidated their position at the top of the S-Tech League South, with an 8-0 win over bottom club Comberton Crusaders.

Comberton held their own for the first 20 minutes, but Amy McLean went on to score six goals, with Talia Irvine and Mia Yearn also netting.

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TITLE SUCCESS: Ely celebrate their Eastern Counties One crown

Picture: Steve Wells

Roaring Tigers are crowned champions

ELY have been crowned champions of Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One after beating Thetford 44-24.

And captain Luke Cornwell was delighted as the Tigers topped the table at this level for the first time in their history.

"We managed to stick at it as there were several points in the season when we could have come unstuck but we hung in there," said Cornwell.

"When we lost to Wisbech at home we could have rolled over there and given up but we didn't, and that result turned it into a three-horse race.

"We had a couple of key moments in the season when we could have rolled over but we didn't and that is the measure of the squad.

Rugby union

"It's been hard work, but everyone has come together this year. Hopefully next year we can carry that on."

Ely were quick out of the blocks, with Sam Benzie using the wind advantage to kick for territory, and from a Thetford line-out, the hosts stole possession through Lloyd Palmer and after a drive from the forwards, Scott Macfarlane touched down. Joel Scott Paul kicked the conversion.

After Thetford had been penalised in their own 22, quick thinking from Matt McCarthy saw him exploit an unorganised defence to touch down an unconverted try.

From the restart, Ely had

possession again as some good interplay by the Tigers forwards forced man-of-the-match Mitchell Kennett through a gap and after selling the defender a dummy, he offloaded to John Dibb to touch down, with Scott Paul adding the extras.

Thetford then had a run of possession, with Ely penalised for hands in the ruck, and they moved the ball wide for the winger to touch down an unconverted try.

But Ely bounced back and Benzie caught an offload to dart through the defence for an unconverted try in the corner.

The final try of the half came through a catch-and-drive from a line-out, with Ricky Neale touching

down an unconverted try.

Ely took their foot off the gas in the second half as Thetford got in for three tries, all coming from quick tap penalties as they took advantage of a retreating defence.

Neale got over for his second try from another rolling maul and in the last 10 minutes, Nathan Brooks added to the scoreboard with a searing break to sprint in to the corner for an unconverted try.

And Kennett completed the promotion-winning performance with the final try of a successful season by crashing over from the back of a ruck.

Cornwell added: "We wanted to be top of the league as it has not been done before by an Ely side at this level."

Football

Robins inch closer with scrappy win

ELY City took a big step towards promotion from the Thurlow Nunn League, First Division, with a 2-0 win at Needham Market reserves.

Monday night's game was largely a scrappy affair, but Ely went in front through James Seymour in first-half stoppage time.

Alex Theobald then doubled the lead in the 47th minute, and the visitors then saw out the rest of the game with few problems.

"It wasn't our best performance, but we got the job done," said City boss Brady Stone.

The result could have been enough to clinch promotion had Halstead Town failed to beat Cornard United on Tuesday evening.

However, Halstead won 4-0 to keep the party on hold for now.

Soham brought their run of five straight defeats to an end as they drew 2-2 away to Haringey Borough in the Ryman League, North Division on Tuesday night.

Ross Paterson got the visitors off to the perfect start by putting them ahead in the fourth minute.

But Haringey got back on level terms through Aaron Scott seven minutes before the interval.

Salim Relizani restored Soham's lead five minutes into the second half.

However, they were pegged back four minutes later by Nana Asamoah and that was how it remained until full time.

The Greens conclude their 2015/16 campaign this Saturday when they welcome mid-table Tilbury to Julius Martin Lane.

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